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TELEGRAMS.

THE BALKAN CRISIS.

ALLIES AT VARIANCE.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, April 21.

According to the accounts published, the tension between Bulgaria and Servia is becoming dangerous and acute.

A Bulgarian diplomat told the "Daily Telegraph's" Vienna correspondent that "if Servia does not evacuate the towns she occupies which belong to us by Treaty we shall send troops to occupy the towns without a declaration of war."

A Secret Convention.

The "Daily Mail's" Belgrade correspondent wires that the existence of a secret Austro-Bulgarian Convention has been revealed through the indiscretion of a subordinate diplomatic official. It provides for the recognition of Austria's special interests in the northern Albanian littoral. Austria promises diplomatic support to Bulgaria's aspirations in Macedonia as far west as Ochrida.

Effect in Greece.

The "Daily Telegraph's" correspondent at Athens states that the utterances of Bulgarian politicians, in claiming Saloniki, are rendering difficult M. Venizelos' task in restraining popular passions.

Allies and the Powers.

Later.

Reuter's correspondent at Athens wires that the reply of the Allies has been handed to the Powers. It accepts mediation with the reservation of a right to debate with the Powers the question of the Aegean Islands, and the frontiers of Thrace and Albania.

FRANCO-GERMAN INCIDENT.

CAPT. LEMERLE RELEASED.

London, April 21.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin reports that Capt. Lemerle has been released.

[A message received on the 16th inst. stated:—Reuter's correspondent at Paris wires that the French Captain Lemerle has been arrested at Speyer, in Bavaria. It is believed that the arrest was the result of some misunderstanding, as Captain Lemerle was on regular leave and was travelling in Germany in a private capacity, having no mission to perform.]

LARGEST BRITISH VESSEL.

AQUITANIA LAUNCHED.

London, April 21.

The Cunard liner 'Aquitania, of 47,000 tons, and registered to carry 3,250 passengers, the largest British vessel afloat, has been successfully launched at Clydebank.

Large crowds witnessed the launching ceremony, the river being *en fete* with excursion steamers etc.

Aerial Mail Man's Mishap.

New York, March 12.—Henry M. Jones, an aviator arrived in this city yesterday, bearing letters consigned to air mail route No. 604,603, Boston to New York. He started by aeroplane from Boston, January 16, carrying twenty-five pounds of mail matter and a pot of Boston baked beans for Postmaster Morgan. After several mishaps the aeroplane was put out of commission by an accident at Rye, N. Y., and Jones finished his journey by train.

TELEGRAMS.

THEIR MAJESTIES.

VISIT TO RAILWAY WORKS.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, April 21.

Their Majesties the King and Queen were given a most enthusiastic welcome on a visit to Crewe Railway Works.

They conversed cordially with the Mayor, who happens to be a signalman and took the greatest interest in the wonderful engineering exhibits.

Superintendent Knighted.

Later.

Mr. R. Turnbull, Superintendent of the Line of the London and North Western Railway, has been knighted.

LOCAL SPORT.

LAWN TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. Tournament.

The various competitions in the above tournament are now nearing completion, and, as the semi-final stages are being reached, interest grows apace.

Last evening Major Bowen and A. N. Joseland fought out a hard match to decide entry into the semi-final of the Championship Singles, and in the end Joseland secured the verdict. It took five full sets, however, to decide the issue, and the victory was secured by three sets to two and 23 games to 22. It was a hard tussle, and the result was always in doubt, the last set covering twelve games. The scores were:—2-6, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Another interesting match was that between R. Hancock and R. D. Stewart v. H. A. Nisbet and H. R. Phelps in the Professional Pairs. This ended in victory for the former pair by 6-3, 7-5, and they now figure in the semi-final of this competition.

In the third round of the "B" Class Singles, D. E. Clarke (owes 3/6) beat A. H. Crook (owes 15) by 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.

The following ties are down for decision this evening:—M. R. Harris (recs. 3-6) v. H. A. Nisbet (owes 30-2) in the third round of the "A." Class Singles.

A. H. Crook v. H. Hancock in the third round of the Championship Singles.

G. A. Woodcock and J. Bouch (rec. 15-3) v. A. N. Joseland and J. B. Penman (owe 15) in the second round of the Doubles Handicap; Capt. Crawford and Capt. James (owe 15) v. R. P. Thursfield and W. N. Lowe (rec. 4-6) in the second round of the same competition.

J. Bucknill and E. R. Hallifax v. Capt. Atkins and Capt. Walker in the third round of the Professional Pairs.

BILLIARDS.

Soldiers Club Tournament.

The second match in the semi-final of the competition in the Soldiers' Club Billiards Tournament, started last night between the 83rd R.G.A. and the Hongkong Volunteers and resulted in two wins being registered for the Volunteers. Mr. Wolf, whose highest break was 23, beat Gunner Bonnett by 200 to 129, the loser's best effort being 12.

The second game, between Mr. Bishop and Gunner Campbell, ended in a win for the former, by 200 to 154, the winner's largest break being 16, as against 14 of the loser's.

The results to date are as follow:—

83rd R. G. A.		
Gunner Bonnett ...	...	129
Gunner Campbell ...	...	154
		283
H.K. Volunteers.		
Mr. Wolf. ...	...	200
Mr. Bishop ...	...	200
		400

TELEGRAMS.

THE POPE'S ILLNESS.

NO FURTHER BULLETINS

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, April 21.

Reuter's correspondent at Rome wires that His Holines the Pope is on the road to convalescence and no further bulletins will be issued.

EX-KING MANOEL.

BETROTHAL CONFIRMED.

London, April 21.

The report of the impending marriage between Ex-King Manoel of Portugal and Princess Augusta Victoria of Hohenzollern is confirmed.

AUSTRIAN-ADRIA EXHIBITION.

In connection with the celebration of the 65th anniversary of the accession to the Throne of His Imperial and Royal Apostolic Majesty Francis Joseph I., Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary, an Exhibition will be arranged in Vienna. This Exhibition is called The Austrian Adria Exhibition and will be open from May until October 1913. The magnificent Buildings of the Rotunde together with its vast surroundings have been selected for the purposes of that Exhibition. To and from the Exhibition grounds there will be provided a most convenient service of all sorts of vehicles, so that it can be reached from the centre of the city in a few minutes.

The whole exhibition comprises exhibits which have a connection with the Adriatic sea, its ports and islands, trade, traffic, the home industry of the inhabitants of its shores, and finally of the general development of the Austrian Navy and Mercantile Marine during the long reign of the aged Emperor-King Francis Joseph I.

The Rotunde itself is devoted exclusively to scientific purposes and embraces the different sections of the Exhibition. There will be shown the various types of men-of-war from the old sailing vessels up to the most modern super-dreadnoughts and submarine boats with all their machinery, turret-guns, gears etc. In the group which represents the mercantile marine there also will be seen the gradual development of vessels since the middle of the past century. Special attention is given to the sections in which the different industrial products are exhibited which go to the making of a modern ocean greyhound or a powerful man-of-war. There is a section arranged by the Skodawerke, Pilsen, the famous gun factory in Austria; another one shows the torpedoes, built by the famous Whitehead firm. The Stabilimento Tecnico Triestino is represented by a great number of models of vessels both men-of-war and merchant-men, which that establishment has turned out for the navies and mercantile marines of different nations. Another section is devoted to the Export and Import of various articles handled in the Austrian trade emporium, Trieste, and the different smaller ports of the Adriatic sea. In another corner there is to be seen a complete Train de Luxe used by the Austrian State Railway with Saloon, Sleeping, Dining, and Observation Cars. The International Sleeping Car Company and the Canadian Pacific Railway are also represented with their most modern palatial Cars de Luxe. In the hygienic and balneological Section are to be seen Models of many of the famous watering places of Austria and other attractions for tourists, travellers, and sportsmen.

As it is expected that a great number of visitors from all parts of the world will assemble in the exhibition ground, there is ample provision for entertainments of all sorts. There will be a great many interesting things outside of the Rotunde Buildings. A huge artificial canal and lake with sailing and motor boats is situated in front of the Western Entrance to the Rotunde. Three bridges lead across the canal. In the lake itself there is moored an exact copy (in half its real dimensions) of the steamship "Wien" one of the Austrian Lloyd's new Mail Liners from Trieste to Alexandria. All the restaurants and coffee houses are kept in the style of historical buildings which are to be seen on the coast of the Adriatic sea. There are also rural hamlets and huts, exact copies of the houses of the people along the seashore and in the Dalmatian and Bosnian mountains.

THE HONGKONG RIFLE LEAGUE.

Belilios Challenge Shield.

The shield presented by Mr. R. E. Belilios has now arrived and will shortly be placed on view for a few days at Messrs. Gaupp & Co's.

As the result of the season's matches, H. M. S. Hampshire are the winners for the season and present holders of the shield.

Former winners of League Matches are:—Season 1910/1911 H.M.S. Minotaur. Season 1911/1912. R. N. Dockyard.

Interport Rifle Match.

A preliminary practice for the selection of the team to represent Hongkong in this match will be held at King's Park Range on Saturday 26th. inst. at 2 p.m. Riflemen are invited to attend.

WORLD Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCE.

The eighteenth conference of the World's Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations meets in Edinburgh next June. It is expected that the delegates from all parts of the globe will number above one thousand. According to the programme provisionally arranged, the conference will open on Wednesday, June 11, with a service in St. Giles's Cathedral, and will conclude on the following Monday with an excursion to Lochgoilhed, Argyllshire. The various sessions of Conference will be held in the United Free Church Assembly Hall, and the subjects to be discussed are, briefly, as follows:—(1) The work of the Association; (2) conditions essential to its success; (3) the movement in relation to the vital problems of present time.

TELEGRAMS.

PARIS MOTOR BANDITS.

THREE PAY THE PENALTY.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, April 21.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris wires that three of the motor bandit leaders — named Callemin, Derby and Monier respectively—sentenced to death in February, have been guillotined.

They died shouting greetings to the few spectators who had assembled.

Dieudonne, one of the four who was sentenced, was reprieved at the last moment. He fainted with emotion.

TELEGRAMS.

LARGEST BATTLESHIP.

A JAPANESE LEVIATIAN.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, April 21.

The Japanese battle-cruiser Kongo, which is being constructed by Messrs. Vickers, was berthed in the graving dock at Belfast to-day.

She is the largest warship in the world, having a displacement of 27,500 and a speed of 28 knots.

TRADE MARK QUESTION.

At the Police Court, this afternoon, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Messrs W. R. Loxley and Company summoned Messrs Osawa and Company, 5 Queen's Road Central, Shun Chong and Co., 209 Queen's Road West, and Wo Hing Tai, 35, Wing Lok Street, for having in their possession for sale certain singlets to which marks so nearly resembling the complainants' star and cockatoo trade marks as to be calculated to deceive were falsely applied.

Mr Bowley, of Messrs Dennys and Bowley, prosecuted, and Mr Reader Harris, of Messrs Wilkinson and Grist, defended Osawa and Company.

Mr Bowley said he would deal with the case of Osawa and Company first. The complainants were the registered owners of what was known as the star trade mark, which they used for singlets imported from England to sell in the Colony to Chinese.

His Worship:—Are the goods made specially for Loxley's with that trade mark?

Mr. Bowley replied that that was so, and they had Loxley's name on them. They registered the star trade in 1905. In 1910 they registered a double mark a double star and in 1911 they registered a number of stars. Of the star singlets Messrs. Loxley's sold between 200,000 and 300,000 dozens a year which proved that the singlets were popular with the Chinese.

Mr. Harris:—We sell more than that.

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

"THE HOTEL."

Before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning the master of the Wah Kee boarding house, Des Voeux Road Central, was charged with committing a breach of By-law 23, by allowing three other businesses to be carried on at his boarding house under the signboards Tsun Un, Yan Wo Tai, and Ji Ut Teeung.

Mr. C. Fairbrother Mason, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, defended.

Lance Sergeant Purdon deposed to finding the three signboards and said he reported the matter to the Registrar General.

Mr. Mason admitted that there were two signboards, and argued that the house was an hotel, and that there were various people staying there. The signboards belonged to two men who were in the hotel, and were buyers for firms in Kayingchow. The words "Yu Ip Company, Kayingchow" were written on the signboards. The man were not selling; they were only buying, and he submitted there was no offence against the by-law.

Defendant was discharged.

Bound Over.

At the Police Court, this morning, an Indian watchman was summoned by Mr. M. Sternberg for failing to perform his duty. Defendant was bound over.

TELEGRAMS.

THE ARMY QUESTION.

APPEAL TO BOTH SIDES.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, April 21.

Lord Curzon repudiated Lord Haldane's charges against the supporters of compulsory service and asserted that the Territorials had been a complete failure. He suggested a conference of the leaders of both parties to consider the findings of the Defence Committee, and asked:—Why not join hands in an endeavour to solve the Army question?

[The above message apparently refers to a debate in the House of Lords; but the first section had not arrived at time of going to press.]

CHINA'S DAY OF PRAYER

BRITISH AND AMERICAN RESPONSE.

London, April 21.

The appointment by the Chinese Government of a day of prayer for China among Christian communities was inspired by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, who is an ardent Christian.

The proposal has evoked most sympathetic interest in Britain, where a similar day of prayer is being organised for next Sunday by the heads of the different denominations. The day will be equally observed in America.

CANTON ROAD "NAVIGABLE."

A woman from Yaumati, was charged by Inspector Gerrard, at the Police Court, this morning, with being in unlawful possession of a bag of coal.

The Chinese constable said the woman had the coal in her boat in Canton Road.

Mr. Hazeland:—Had she her boat in Canton Road? (laughter).

Inspector Gerrard:—There is some reclaimed land there.

Mr. Hazeland:—I have not had a case of coal stealing for some time.

Inspector Gerrard:—But there is a lot of it going on.

Mr. Hazeland:—It is not detected; $15 or one month.

SANITARY BOARD.

The agenda for this afternoon's meeting of the Sanitary Board, contains little except ordinary routine work.

An application is to be considered for permission to erect an iron staircase at the rear of No. 5 Arbuthnot Road.

The Hon. M. E. A. Hewett C. M. G. minuted:—How does this affect the upper air space?

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

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The appointment of a day of prayer for China originated with the Minister of Foreign Affairs; and the day will also be observed in Britain and America.

LOCAL.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held this afternoon.

Further charges of armed robbery were heard when the April Criminal Sessions were continued to-day.

Correspondence regarding the quarantine regulations at Singapore is published in another part of this issue.

Major-General Anderson, Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Forces in South China, is at present in Shanghai.

The various competitions in the H.K.C.C. Lawn Tennis Tournament are drawing toward completion. The latest results appear to-day.

The matter of irregularity in the arrival of the Siberian Mails has been taken up by the Government and the G.P.O., London.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Bijou 9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre 9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Bijou 9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre 9.15 p.m.
Friday April 25.
Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders.—Paper on Diesel Engines.—9.15 p.m.
Saturday, April 26.
Green Island Cement Co, Ltd. Ordinary General meeting, St. George's Building.—noon.
Northumberland and Durham Dinner. Hongkong Hotel.
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Saturday May 3.
Hongkong Electric Co. meeting—noon.

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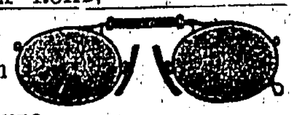

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China Mail.

Mid-Scotland Ship Canal.

In a recent issue of the "National Review," there was a convincing plea, from the point of view of naval strategy, for a Mid-Scotland ship canal, by Commander Curroy, R.N., although little that is new was put forward by the writer; indeed, from some points of view, it would almost seem as if he were not completely conversant with later developments. This is particularly the case in respect to his references to the alternative routes. Confusion on this point is harmful. At one stage of the movement there were two proposed routes, one traversing the valley of the Forth *via* Stirling to Loch Lomond, 35 miles distant, the inland lake being utilised to the narrow neck of land which separates it from Loch Long, an inlet of Firth of Clyde. The other route was that taken by the old barge canal from the Forth through the coal and iron district of mid-Scotland to Yoker 4 or 5 miles westward of Glasgow. From the commercial point of view, this latter has much to commend it.

Daily Press.

Siberian Mail Irregularity.

The entire responsibility for the irregularity of the mails unquestionably rests with the Russian authorities, who should be induced either to put on more fast trains or to afford greater accommodation for mails on the existing trains. Similar complaints are made regarding the delivery of Homeward mails from the East; but the irregularity is probably not so great at that end as at this, for the reason that there is less likelihood of the mails for Europe being shut out at Vladivostock or Harbin, by heavy local traffic, than is the case, presumably, with outward mails reaching Moscow from European points. Until the whole Siberian track is doubled, enabling the Railway authorities to run more express trains, the only hope of improvement would seem to be in the success of an effort being made to induce the Russian authorities to give priority to the dispatch of mails to Eastern Siberia, China and Japan, by the express trains, sending all mails for points West of Harbin by the slower trains. Looking at the matter from the Russian point of view, however, we cannot but expect the Russian authorities to regard it as of equal importance to their own nationals in Siberia to have a rapid service of mails, as it is to foreign residents in the Far East. It is, at least, satisfactory to know that the matter has been taken up by the Hongkong Government and the General Post Office in London, and we can only hope that their representations, united to those made by Japan and other interested countries will result in some determined effort being made by the Russian authorities to improve the mail service to the Far East.

South China Morning Post.

British China Squadron.

Considering the area to be patrolled, and the numerous places where, for the sake of Prestige if nothing else, it is necessary to occasionally "show the flag," the Commander-in-Chief of the China squadron has none too many vessels at his disposal. The larger ships are absolutely out of the question for river work, which is an essential feature of naval duty at all periods of the year in China and their range of patrol is probably greater than that of any other squadron, extending as it does from Colombo on the one hand to Japan, and sometimes across the Pacific, on the other. It embraces numerous countries where the necessity for "showing the flag" becomes steadily greater as time goes on, and many peoples who are apt to forget that there is such a thing as the British navy unless they actually see a representative of the fleet.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Governorship of Ceylon.

Nothing is yet known as to who will succeed Sir Henry McCallum, as Governor of Ceylon, but information has been received from England that it is improbable that the new Governor will arrive in the island before the King's Birthday (June 3.)

Highway Accident in Home.

Returns issued by the Home Office give details of the accidents on the highways of the United Kingdom. During last year 1,764 persons were killed and 36,833 injured. Four years ago the fatalities numbered only 1,151 and the cases of injury 16,872.

Hangchow and Opium.

The officials here are earnest and determined in putting down opium smoking, writes the "N. China Daily News" Hangchow correspondent. Those interested in sanitation here have plenty of scope for the development of their talents and we hear that active steps are being taken to to establish an office of Public Health.

Convicts in Singapore.

The total number of Indian and Sinhalese convicts in Singapore at the end of 1912 was:—In receipt of allowances 4, not in receipt of allowance one. The average cost to the Indian Government for each convict in Singapore was $55.83 per annum and in Penang $89.13, against $60 and $71.46, respectively, in the previous year.

S.P.C.K's Generosity.

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge has voted £50 towards the cost of building three brick houses that are being erected for mission work at Kuching in the diocese of Labuan and Sarawak. A sum of £10 has also been allowed towards the passage of Rev. B. Mercer, who is to work amongst the Chinese at Kudat, Borneo.

A Narrow Escape.

Two Europeans, Mr. and Mrs. Reilly, had a narrow escape at Bombay on March 31. They were in a jeweller's shop in Lindsay Street, when a portion of the roof gave way and the skylight, which contained three square feet of glass, fell on the counter within an inch of them. A moment before they had been standing directly underneath it, and had they not moved they must have been killed.

The Trouble at Wuchang.

Peking, April 15.—A Presidential Mandate published a telegram from Vice President Li Yuan-hung and the Civil Governor of Hupeh to the effect that the riots at Wuchang have been suppressed and the ringleaders have been arrested. These ringleaders are Major-General Chi Yu-ling, Tseng Shang-wu, Director of the Financial Department, and Colonel Yung Chiug-fang. The arrested officers are expelled from the Army and declared to have forfeited their military distinction. They will be tried on a charge of high treason.

English Mails to the Far East.

The Postmaster-General, in a Parliamentary printed reply to Sir Cuthbert Quilter, M.P., stated that the estimated weights of mails annually exchanged between the United Kingdom on one hand and China and Japan on the other were :via Siberia, 261,000 lb. of letters and 88,000 lb. of other correspondence; and via Suez, 5'000 lb. and 831,000 lb. respectively. The corresponding figures for the routes via Canada were 1.700 lb. and 171,700 lb. In the case of the route via San Francisco the figures were 1,900 lb. and 54,000 lb.

Lord Mayor Claims Royal Letter.

The question of the ownership of Queen Alexandra's holograph letter to the City Corporation in reply to their congratulations on the 50th anniversary of her Majesty's landing in England was raised at the court of Common Council. Mr. Brinsley-Harper said it was an unusual compliment for a member of the Royal family to write personally in reply to an address. The letter ought to be preserved, and he would move that it be placed in the Guildhall Library. The Lord Mayor said, rightly or wrongly, he regarded it as a personal letter to himself as head of the corporation. It would be most carefully preserved by him. The letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

KAPALA ISLANDS ESTATE.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the above Company was held at Shanghai on April 15 Mr. V. Meyer occupied chair, and other directors present were Messrs. G. H. Potts and E. S. Kadoorie.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, This meeting has been called in order to comply with the Hongkong Ordinance, and the statutory report which has been given you needs no comment, and with your permission I will take it as read. The Hongkong Ordinance, provides that at the statutory meeting a complete list of shareholders in the company shall be available for inspection and this list is now on the table for the inspection of any one wishing to see it.

The financial year of the old company would ordinarily end on March 31, but the Board has decided that it would be more convenient for everybody to make the financial year the same as the calendar year. The new company's first year will therefore end on December 31, 1913.

I wish, however, to take this occasion to give you the latest information from the estate. As soon as as the re-construction scheme was secured instructions were given to our Singapore agents to make all the necessary arrangements for the additional planting scheme, and for the manuring of the old rubber areas. A sample of the soil had been sent to the Government chemical works in Ceylon. A full report has been received, giving recommendations of what manure would be the best to employ. Instructions have been given for the manuring to be taken in hand in accordance with these recommendations and it is being done as quickly as possible. Part of the estate has already been manured, and I am glad to say the effect is already showing in the growth of the trees. The further total cost of manuring will come to about $18,500, spread over a year or a year and a-half. Since the new company has taken over, our visiting agent Mr. Pears, has twice visited the estate, while the representative of our agents has also made several visits. The last visit took place in the middle of March, and, although we have not yet had Mr. Pears' report in extenso, the agents have informed us that he found a great improvement all over the estate, and that the trees were responding well to the manuring. In his official report of the beginning of January our visiting agent says as follows:—

"I am now able to state definitely that the effect of the manuring on the rubber has been very satisfactory, and those trees which were properly manured from the start have come on nicely.

This of course only confirms what we were told before we went in for the re construction scheme, namely that there is no question at all but that rubber will grow satisfactorily on the island. We have also a certain amount of trees all over the estate measured monthly and their monthly growth is quite up to the average monthly growths on other estates.

A new hospital is being erected on the estate and necessary accommodation for the increased labour force is being built. I am glad to say that we have no difficulty in gradually increasing our labour force to the necessary strength and that we expect no difficulty in always getting sufficient labour.

Orders have been given to start tapping a small number of trees from the beginning of this month. We do not expect to derive any profit from this at present, but it will help us in training tappers for the future and in organizing this work.

Cocoanut Area.—The 500 acres of cocoanuts have been fenced in so as to avoid any damage by pigs and the 700 acres are being felled and fenced before the nuts are planted out. About 2½ miles of roru have been built on this part of the estate. A nursery sufficiently large for the area has been laid down. We trust you will understand that the planting of cocoanuts is different from the planting of rubber inasmuch as it is inadvisable to hurry the planting out of the nuts. So long as they are germinating in the nursery no time is lost, and fewer losses will occur later on in the open field, as only really good plants will be planted out from the nurseries.

As a whole, gentlemen, the reports from the estate show that the work has been done energetically and the progress as a whole is very satisfactory. I shall be glad to give you any further information you may wish.

No questions were asked, and as there were no resolutions to be adopted the meeting terminated.

THE "BENGORE HEAD."

The Imperial Merchant Service Guild are at present actively engaged in furthering an Appeal by Captain J. C. Hoy one of their members, late Master of the s.s. "Bengore Head" from the decision of the Canadian Wreck Commissioner's Court at an Inquiry held into the stranding of his vessel. The facts in connection with the disaster were, that the Master, after leaving Quebec bound for England, had been on his bridge from 6 p.m. until 2 p.m. the following day, a spell of 20 hours in all, without rest, navigating his vessel along a dangerous waterway in thick fog. He took advantage of an improvement in the weather to take a short rest, leaving in charge a fully qualified Officer who was fully instructed as to what to do in any case of emergency. The Master's object in doing this was to fit himself for a further long spell of duty, his intention being to resume charge of the vessel before dark in order to navigate it safely out of the Strait of Belle Isle. The instructions left by the Master were not accurately carried out and the ship stranded whilst he was still in his room, the Officer in charge not having communicated with him at all during his absence. In spite of these facts the Court of Inquiry not only suspended the Certificate of the Officer in charge for 9 months but also suspended the Certificate of the Master for 3 months. The Guild undertook the defence of the Master at the original Inquiry and when the result was made known to the Management Committee they at once decided to take a legal opinion upon the matter. On receipt of this, the Committee, being of opinion that the suspension was a great hardship and injustice to the Master, decided that no expense should be spared in endeavouring to reinstate him in the eyes of the world and of his professional brethren. They accordingly entered an appeal to the High Court, to which the Board of Trade have been made a party, and eminent Counsel will be instructed to represent the interests of Captain Hoy at the hearing which was expected to take place in London early in April.

"BORN OF HONGKONG'S EXAMPLE."

It is, perhaps, to be regretted say's the "N. China Daily News," that, since Mr H. T. Wade's very interesting letter on the suggestion, born of Hongkong's example, that Shanghai also might hold a dog show, no further correspondence has been forthcoming. The deficiency is curious, in that according to private information there has been no want of interest in the proposal and inquiries as to whether it was likely to materialize. Mr. Wade has described the show that took place in May 1893, and the success that attended the venture—horses, ponies, dogs, poultry and song birds being lumped together in one comprehensive display. In some respects it may be more difficult now than in 1893 to organize such a show; in others it should certainly be easier as the field is so much wider. For the past year or two the Horse and Pony Show has languished. As an extremely popular feature with all classes of the community, it might well be revived; and it should not, then, be difficult to couple with it a dog show. Some one only is required to take the lead. There need be no lack of followers.

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MARRIAGES.

BEINS—MARCUS.—On April 12, at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Singapore, by the Rev. Father Nain, Robert Howard, youngest son of the late Mr. Manuel Beins and Mrs. Beins of Singapore, to Dorothy Augusta, youngest daughter of the late Mr. P. F. J. Marcus of Singapore and Mrs. Marcus of Penang.

SPARKE-EDMONDSTON.—On Tuesday, April 15, 1913, at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, Norman Lush Sparke, son of James Sparke, Esq., of Deal, to Isabella Edmondston, daughter of the late David Brand, of Shanghai.

DEATHS.

BRYSON.—On April 10, 1913, at the London Mission, Tientsin, Mary Isabell a wife of the Rev. Thomas Bryson, aged sixty-one years.

PESTANA.—At the Municipal Infirmary, Singapore, on April 12, Helen Mary, beloved wife of Inspector P. O. Pestana, P. C. A., aged 47 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 1913.

THE TAXATION PROBLEM.

With all the mania of the present Radical Government for new-fangled legislation, there still remain untouched innumerable problems which have long called for adequate consideration. Many of them, moreover, are, even on the basis of Ministerial promises, long overdue in settlement. Such a matter is the readjustment of local and Imperial taxation, which has once again been forced to the notice of the Government by a debate in the House of Commons. In the past decade local rates in urban and rural districts have assumed almost unbearable proportions, and still they continue to grow at an alarming rate. A Royal Commission has sat to consider the question, and the present Chancellor of the Exchequer held out high hopes some four years ago that there should be a substantial relief to local authorities, but, so far from these hopes being realised, the trend is all in the other direction.

In meeting the contention that certain burdens now borne by local authorities should be shouldered by the national exchequer, it is sometimes argued that it is immaterial which pocket yields the money—the people have to find it. But here it has to be recognised that the real evil of the present system is that oft-times the heaviest burden is cast on localities least able to bear it. To take a case in point. In Hanley the local rates are 11s. 3d. in the pound, and the borough being inhabited almost entirely by working people, these rates are equivalent to an income tax of 1s. 6d. in the pound on the wages of many men. This result is undoubtedly the consequence of the system of casting national services on the localities. Education, the Poor Law, roads and police are the chief items of expenditure round which the controversy rages, but the question is as to how a readjustment can best be effected. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has made a strong point in asserting that under the present system there is a check on extravagance by local authorities, whereas if the whole burden of, say, education were borne Imperially, whatever the cost is now, it might easily be doubled without getting twice the results obtained at the present moment. It is well, therefore, that due consideration should be given to the effect which such a vital change of policy would have on national expenditure.

Big as the problems are, however, they call loudly for serious contemplation, and it is good to read that a Departmental Committee is at present considering the whole of this comprehensive and important question. This Committee has held over 80 sittings and will shortly make its report. All that can be hoped is that the many intricate points involved will be given due and proper weight and that some method will be devised whereby over-burdened districts will be given relief and whereby, at the same time, both national and local services shall be maintained more economically and with no loss of efficiency.

A Volunteer's Complaint.

A reader, who is also a Volunteer, wishes to enter a protest against the high prices charged in Hongkong for ammunition. It appears that the Volunteers are only allowed, by the regulations, a sufficient number of cartridges for their Class firing, that number being about fifty-three in the course of the year; all ammunition used for practice firing must be paid for by the Volunteer himself. This, we believe, is also the rule at Home, but whereas in England a man may buy a hundred rounds for half a crown, our informant points out that the price in this Colony is three dollars, or nearly six shillings. This, he remarks, is all very well for a man who can rise superior to minor questions of expense, but it falls rather heavily on one whose income is small and who must, in any case, pay for chair, ferry and ricksha hire every time he goes to the Kowloon Range to practise. We too should have thought that, assuming that the Volunteer's object in frequenting the Range is to render himself an efficient soldier, the authorities might make his path a little easier by reducing the cost of cartridges somewhat.

The Siberian Mail.

Not before it was time, the Chamber of Commerce has taken up the question of the irregular delivery of the Siberian Mail. For many months past there have been growls and grumbles on the subject, which have been only too well-founded, and people have become convinced that little, if anything, was gained by sending letters by the so-called fast route. The correspondence which appears elsewhere in this issue sets forth the ground for complaint fully and clearly, and lays its finger on one possible cause of delay. It seems to us, however, that there is a certain amount of haphazard working nearer here than London.

What of This End?

On Saturday, for instance, the "Telegraph", following Post Office guidance, announced the Mexico Maru as expected to arrive with a Siberian Mail on Monday. That announcement appeared on page 10, but on page 4 the Mexico Maru was also announced as due to arrive on Sunday. That was information secured from the shipping company's office, and it was accurate. Only the other day a Siberian Mail arrived without any announcement at all, and it is fairly clear that the co-operation between Hongkong and Shanghai is not quite what it should be. Might it not be possible, again, to arrange that the mails from Shanghai shall come by recognised fast mail steamers instead of, as often happens, little boats which crawl down from the Northern port? It will be easier to convince London that there is something wrong at that end if it can be proved that there is nothing wrong at this end.

The Tariff Battle.

Political economists, amateur politicians—in short, everybody—is watching with the keenest interest the progress of the Democratic Tariff Revision Bill in the United States. Yesterday's wire stated that the measure has received the over-whelming approval of the Democratic caucus in the House of Representatives, and that the entire Bill, as amended in a few minor features, has been adopted. There are expectations that the Bill will finally pass on May 11. What will happen in the Senate, however, is problematical, though there can be no doubt that it is the desire of the majority of the people throughout the States that the tariff shall be radically revised. The present Bill, however goes to extreme lengths; if it is passed it will assuredly have a marked effect on the cost of living. It will be well if the matter is quickly settled one way or the other, for uncertainty is bound to have a deterring effect on trade. Far Eastern exportors and importers are patiently awaiting developments, which may mean much to them.

Via the Far East.

The Rt. Hon. Mr. James Bryce, retiring British Ambassador to Washington, proposes to leave Washington about April 23 for England, via the Far East.

DAY BY DAY.

Let the tongue always speak the language of the heart.

The Mails.

American Mail.—Arrived per s.s. Shinyo Maru at 11 a.m. to-day.

French Mail.—Despatched per s.s. Ernest Simons at 1 p.m. to-day.

American Mail.—Despatched per s.s. Korea at 2.15 p.m. to-day.

English Mail.—Due per s.s. China at 2 p.m. to-morrow.

Siberian Mail.—Despatched per s.s. Korea at 2.15 p.m. to-day.

Arrived.

Mrs. P. H. Holyoak and daughters arrived by the s.s. Kamo Maru to-day.

Philanthropist's Visit.

Dr. C.R. Buckner, a well-known American philanthopist, of Texas, arrived to-day by the s.s. Shinyo Maru with his wife.

For Consignees.

Consignees of cargo by the s.s. Buelow are reminded that all goods remaining undelivered after to-morrow will be subject to rent.

Lecture.

Mr. Yeadell delivered an interesting paper on Byron at the Y.M.C.A. rooms, last night in connection with the Y. M. C. A. Literary Club. There was a fair attendance.

"The Diesel Engine."

This is the subject of a paper to be read by Engineer Commander Roome, R.N., at the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders on Friday night at 9.15 o'clock.

Visitor from India.

Mr. Sullivan, the well known curio dealer of Simla, India, is at present staying in Hongkong. Mr. Sullivan has been in India for twenty years.

The "Tai On" Piracy.

The man found in possession of the gold watch, the property of Miss Dunk, one of the victims of the Tai On piracy, was again remanded by Mr Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning.

Plague Cases.

Three cases of plague were notified as occurring during the twenty-four hours ended noon to-day. One was in First Street, one found dead in San Wa Fong, and the third found dead at Cause way Bay.

A Great Show Proprietor.

Mr. H. H. Tammen, who is passing through Hongkong, in addition to being proprietor of the "Denver Post," is the owner of a big circus which tours in Canada and the United States. We understand that next year he will enter into combination with the Wild West Show, of "Buffalo Bill" fame.

Wanchai "Saints."

Five men were charged with gambling at Wanchai, before Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning. They all denied gambling and gave themselves the most exemplary characters. By way of indicating his difference of opinion his Worship fined them $5 each or in default fourteen days.

Ingenious.

A man who thought it a pity to leave expended leaden bullets on the rifle range at Stonecutters, particularly when they could be turned into cash, set about collecting them. His business acumen was not appreciated by the authorities, and at the Police Court, this morning, he was sentenced to one month's imprisonment and four hours' stocks.

Visitors.

Among the passengers who arrived in Hongkong to-day by the s.s. Shinyo Maru are Mr. T. W. Taylor, Director of the Bureau of Agriculture, Manila; Mr. A.M. Barretto, president of the Insular Life Insurance Co. Manila, Mr. G.H. Guerdrum of the P. W. D., Manila, and Mr. C.W. Rosenstock, director and general manager of the Rosenstock Publishing Co. Mr. T. W. Taylor is bound for San Francisco and expects to spend about ten weeks in the United States. As Director General of the Philippine Exhibits at the San Francisco Exposition he will confer with the officials at San Francisco, after which he expects to go east, making numerous stops, reaching Washington early in July and sailing from New York in August on his return to Manila.

THE KIDNAPPING EVIL.

Difficulties Which Confront the Authorities.

[SPECIAL ARTICLE.]

It is a disquieting fact that kidnapping is on the increase and has been so since the revolution. This applies especially as regards small children. One who knows more that a little of the matter frankly states that hardly a vessel arrives from the north which does not bring several kidnapped children from various parts of China, particularly from Shanghai. Hongkong is a distributing centre; some of the children are sold here and some are sent to places farther South.

It is easier to talk of restricting the practice than it is to devise some practical remedy. The chief difficulty is that young Chinese up to the age of ten, and, in the case of girls, up to as much as fifteen and eighteen, are unable to give any satisfactory account of themselves or of their parents. A girl of eighteen in China knows little, if any, more than a girl of half that age at Home. These girls may have parents alive, or they may not. In any case, about all that can be got out of them is that they lived in Shanghai or Peking or Canton. They are seldom able to give the name of the street in which they stayed, still less the number of the house. The name of the parent or guardian, then, does not carry inquiries very far. It is as though one were asked to find John Jones of London.

Terrorised Children.

Until the parents or guardians are found the authorities can do little in most cases. It is one thing to be convinced that certain children have been kidnapped, but it is quite another matter to prove it, if the kidnappers allege that the children are their own and the children themselves bear out that statement. That is no fanciful statement. The thing happens regularly. The children are taught to call the kidnappers father and mother or uncle and aunt, and a few days of such teaching has its effect. The children may either be terrorised by ill-treatment into making such statements or they may be persuaded in another way. They are commonly told that if a European gets hold of them in Hongkong they will be imprisoned for life and so forth, and threats such as these prove effective. The young people are usually too frightened to tell the truth. They are content to relate the tale that has been impressed on them by the kidnappers.

A Growing Trade.

These are some of the difficulties which those who are trying to stamp out the practice are called upon to face. The wonder is that so many kidnappers are caught, because the trade—that is the correct word—is growing. In pre-revolution days the mandarins had the country under some sort of control and it was easier then than now to trace parents. At present with the country swarming with gangs of robbers who do a deal of kidnapping, and the difficulty of grappling with the practice is well-nigh superhuman. One does not despair that matters will be mended as the new government gains more control, but that is a plain statement of affairs at present. Just how many girls pass through to the Straits Settlements, Penang, and Singapore, where a good-looking girl will fetch $1,000.00 or more, for purposes that can be guessed at, it is impossible to say. But this much it is fair to state; that Hongkong cannot hope successfully to cope with kidnapping until the buying and selling of children is prohibited in the Colony. An ordinance once passed to prevent the sale of children, and the middleman here would find the business of accepting and re-selling kidnapped children too risky.

Rescue Work

It is only fair to state what is done to rescue those girls who are able to give an account of themselves or who are snatched, in some way, from their captors. The Po Leung Kuk is very useful alike in the way of tracing parents, and even more useful in securing work for some of the girls as servants or in taking them directly under its wing. The girls are well-treated, are under the supervision of a doctor, and are taught to sew and read and write. Girls are sent, too, to the Mission Home in Kowloon, to the Eyre Diocesan Refuge, and to the Italian Convent. The work of rescue goes on continually. Remark may be made, again, of the fact that coolie women bound south are examined at the Registrar General's office and are photographed. If any case is regarded as suspicious the girl or woman is sent to the Po Leung Kuk where the case is enquired into. Despite all that is done to cope with the evil, however, it is deep-rooted, and the new government of China has yet to face the fact that responsibility lies at its door. It is better to grip the evil at the root, to prevent kidnapping, than it is to arrest the kidnapper when he is well on the way towards success.

GENERAL ANDERSON IN SHANGHAI

Major General C. A. Anderson, C.B., commanding H. M. Forces in South China and Hongkong, arrived in Shanghai from Hongkong last Friday by the str. Linan. He was accompanied by his A. D. C. Capt. B. de L. Brock, 120th Baluchistain Infantry.

General Anderson spent the greater part of the day with the S. V. C. Commandant discussing various matters in connection with the Corps. In the evening he watched company drill being carried out at the Recreation ground. The "N. China Daily News" says that, during his stay in Shanghai he will be the guest of Mr. E. C. Pearce, Chairman of the Municipal Council.

Accompanied by his A. D. C. and Col. Barnes, Major-General Anderson visited the Recreation Ground in the evening and watched various companies drilling. The visit was quite unofficial and the units went through ordinary company drill. The Reserve company was on parade and came in for particular notice.

THE OPIUM TRAFFIC.

Speech by Lord Balfour of Burleigh.

Speaking at the third annual meeting of the Eastern Bank Limited, London, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, after speaking of this bank's successful year said:—

It is perhaps as well that I should say a few words with regard to the position of opium, in which, as you know, the merchants of India are largely interested. We none of us wish the drug forced upon the Chinese people, and we were quite satisfied to see the trade given a decent burial. Unfortunately the Chinese Government have not, in our opinion at least, upheld the terms of the treaty made with the British Government, and merchants in India who paid the Government of that country large sums for "permits" entitling them to export opium to China find that admittance to that country is now denied them, although according to many reports the Chinese are cultivating the home-grown poppy as extensively as ever. It is only natural that the Indian merchants should look to our Government, who have taken their money, either to insist upon China adhering to the terms of the treaty or else themselves refund the money obtained for the privilege of exporting the opium to China, and in this, as business men, we can only agree with them. Beyond stopping further sales in India the Government has hitherto done nothing, but we hope steps will shortly be taken to remedy the position, which is undoubtedly a serious and an unfair one. So far as this Bank is concerned we have all along insisted on the maintenance of substantial margins, and I am pleased to be able to tell you that our present outstandings are only small, with in every case a very ample and satisfactory margin.—(Applause.)

Cuban Amnesty Law.

Havana, March 8.—The application of the general amnesty law for Cuba signed yesterday by President Gomez has been suspended pending the preparation for publication of a statement by the Secretary of the Interior fully defining the scope of the law.

COMPANY REPORT.

The Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.

The statement of accounts up to February 28, 1913, is given below. The directors report appeared yesterday.

Liabilities.

Capital:—	
60,000 Shares each $10 paid up...	$600,000.00
Reserve Account...	30,000.00
Sundry Creditors	5,010.00
Dividends unclaimed ...	8,744.94
Suspense Account	1,744.89
Balance of Profit and Loss Account ...	273,099.08
	$918,598.91

Assets.

Plant and Mains account, cost of, as per last account.....	$537,747.93
Less amount provided for depreciation	97,747.93
	$440,000.00
Cost of Plant, since added	176,675.01
	$616,675.01
Property, cost of Land and Buildings as per last account	$90,192.50
Cost of Buildings, since added ...	31,026.21
	$121,218.71
Installation Material, Stock of...	33,815.04
Stores and Coal, Stock of	10,236.51
Tools, &c., Stock of	1,426.50
Furniture, cost of, as per last account... ...	$ 973.04
Less amount provided for depreciation ...	473.94
	$ 500.00
Cost of Furniture, since added....	133.50
	633.50
Insurance, Value of unexpired portions of Policies	1,550.00
Sundry Debtors ...	63,934.57
Cash with Agents H'kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation ...	39,769.87
	29,338.30
	$ 918,598.91

Working Account.

To Agency and Office Expenses	$ 8,000.00
„ Rent and Taxes ...	8,120.06
„ Insurance	3,185.74
„ Auditors' Fees ...	200.00
„ Bad Debts	2,165.79
„ Amount carried to Profit and Loss Account	257,225.11
	$278,896.70
By Net Profit on working	$277,712.24
„ Scrip and Transfer Fees	23.50
„ Interest	1,160.96
	$278,896.70

Profit and Loss Account.

To Amount available for appropriation ...	$273,099.08
	$273,099.80
By Amount of undivided profit, as per last account ...	$ 15,873.97
By Balance of Working Account brought down ...	257,225.11
	$273,099.08

C. P. CHATER } Directors.
C. H. ROSS }

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We report that we have audited the above Balance Sheet with the Books and Vouchers of the Company and that in our opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at the 28th February 1913, according to the best of our information and the explanations given us, and as shown by the Books and Securities of the Company.

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

Stocks have been valued and certified to by the Manager.

F. MAITLAND } Auditors,
A. C. HYNES }

Hongkong, 17th April, 1913.

SPECIAL CABLES.

CHINESE UNREST.

ASSASSINATION PLOT.

[Our Own Correspondent.]
Shanghai, April 22.

It is currently reported that a Society is being formed here with the object of the assassination of President Yuan Shih-kai and three others.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Quarantine Rules at Singapore.

The following correspondence has been forwarded for publication:—

Hongkong, 11th Dec., 1912.

Sir,—I am directed to forward for the consideration of your Chamber a copy of quarantine rules which it is proposed to institute at Singapore, together with a copy of criticisms made thereon by the Health Officer of the Port and the Harbour Master.

I shall be glad if you will kindly return the copy of the rules when done with.

I am, &c.
(Sd.) A. M. Thomson,
Colonial Secretary.

(Reply to Government)
21st February, 1913.

Sir,—I am directed to reply to your letters of 11th December, 1912, and the 1st instant No. 5325/1912, on the subject of the proposed quarantine regulations for Singapore.

My Committee recognise that powers conferred upon Quarantine Authorities must necessarily be wide, but the exercise of these powers should be most judiciously exercised if trade is not to be seriously handicapped to an extent which will effect the prosperity of a port.

I am to lay the following comments before you:—

Rule 6 (2).—Appears capable of becoming a great hardship to shipping and seems unnecessary in the case of a port which possesses a quarantine station as does Singapore.

The Harbour Master's statement that it is the custom to make the voyage last longer than the period of incubation can hardly apply to voyages from Hongkong to Singapore, and he appears to have overlooked Rule 26 wherein the arbitrary period of incubation is stated as from seven to twenty days.

Rule 9 (a). With the present fumigation facilities it is impossible to fumigate cargo-laden steamers without damage to cargo but all properly equipped ports possess either the S. C 2 process called for by this rule or the C. S2—a process which leaves cargo undamaged.

My Committee understand, however, that a plant of this description will shortly be available in this Colony.

As regards the disinfection of native passengers and the vaccination of deck passengers, in the opinion of those engaged in the Emigration traffic the Chinese will not submit to the treatment. They will ship to Singapore from other ports where the regulations are less stringent, as they have done on more than one occasion in the past.

For example, how will it benefit the health of Singapore if the regulations be not applied to all coolie traffic ports at one and the same time, and coolies are allowed to arrive from Swatow, Amoy, or Hoihow, at which places plague and other infectious diseases are frequently more rampant and less advertised than in Hongkong? And if the regulations are equally applied to all such ports, in the opinion of my Committee the coolie traffic will be seriously restricted and the F.M.S. labour problem will then become acute.

Rule 60/63. These rules deal with prohibited imports and are customary at most well organized quarantine stations.

The U. S. representatives here issue Certificates to Shippers regarding the origin of goods intended for entry in the U.S.A. and, where necessary, certify that the goods have been properly disinfected. If these rules are adopted, some similar arrangement must be established and there appears to be no reason why things should not be worked smoothly.

I have now dealt with the points raised by the Harbour Master and Health Officer. Other points which have occurred to my Committee, are:—

Rule 5 (1). My Committee suggest that this should be made to read "May use all lawful means of ascertaining the health conditions, &c.

Rule 8. The provisions of this rule are not sufficiently clear and may lead to confusion. The definition of an "infected" ship does not seem to differ from that of a "suspected" ship, and, as the master of an "infected" ship is required to fly a certain signal entirely different from that to be flown by a "suspected" vessel (Rules 11 & 12) a clearer distinction appears to be necessary in fairness to the Master.

Rule 17/18. While these rules demand immediate action on the part of the master, they do not provide that similarly prompt action will be forthcoming on the part of the Health Authorities. My Committee consider that Shipowners should be protected in this connection.

Rule 23 (12):—My Committee consider that the privilege of working cargo in quarantine should be made more accessible in case of steamers calling at Singapore for a short stay only—say not exceeding 24 hours.

Rule 23 (14):—The words "doubtful sanitary state" appear to be too indefinite and may convey an erroneous idea to the Health Officer of the next port. My Committee consider that the Health Officer should state clearly wherein the vessel has failed to satisfy local requirements.

Rule 58:—My Committee consider that the following words should be added to the regulation:

"With the exception of such vessels whose cargo consists only of iron, steel, hardware, timber, oil, coal or other minerals, and crockery including stoneware."

To be compelled to hand to the H. O. a complete manifest of cargo in every case appears to be useless and unnecessary work.

My Committee do not notice special provision for steamers calling at Singapore for bunkering purposes only.

As the Schedules referred to in the Regulations were not enclosed, it is impossible for my Committee to decide whether these contain anything of a vexatious nature.

I return the Regulations as requested, and am directed to ask you to be good enough to express my Committee's appreciation of His Excellency the Governor's action in allowing them to express an opinion on the subject.

I have, &c.
(Sd). E. A. M. Williams,
Secretary.

Irregularity in the Arrivals of the Siberian Mails.

(Letter to Government.)
24th February, 1913.

Sir,—My Committee have been approached with regard to the delay and irregularity in the arrival of the Siberian Mail.

As an example of what is frequently occuring, I take the following extracts from the Post Office Notices:—

February 5th.

The s.s. "Linan" is expected to arrive here on Wednesday, the 5th inst. with the London Mail (via Siberia) of Friday, the 17th January.

The s.s. "Pembrokeshire" is expected to arrive here on Friday, the 7th inst. with the London Mails (via Siberia) of Wednesday, the 15th and Saturday, the 18th January.

February 11th.

The "Goldenfels" is expected to arrive here to-morrow (Wednesday) with the London Mail (via Siberia) of Friday, the 24th ult.

February 12th.

The "Bohemia" is expected to arrive here to-morrow Thursday, with the London Mails (via Siberia) of Wednesday, the 22nd and Saturday, the 25th ult.

February 17th.

The "Bremen" with the Siberian Mail from London of 21st ult. is due to arrive here to-morrow (18th). (5 days later than we receive the mail of the 25th January, sent off 4 days earlier).

It will thus be seen that the mails do not arrive in order of date of despatch.

The matter has been the subject of press comment both here and at home, and it is supposed that the fault is with London and could probably be rectified by official representations from this end.

The experience of Merchants is that the Mails from the North of England are much more regular than those from London.

A possible explanation of the general irregularity is that the Post Office Authorities ignore the existence of special express trains such as the International Wagon Lits and Russian State trains, and certain mails catch slow trains which are side tracked to permit of the passing of the expresses.

A further delay occurs in Shanghai as regards the Continental Mails, stated to be due to International jealousy, i.e., the German Mail must come (if at all possible, even with a little delay) by a German ship and French Mail by a French ship.

I am also credibly informed that the same irregularity in delivery occurs in the Homeward Mail.

My Committee feel assured that if any action on the part of His Excellency the Governor can smooth the path of commerce, such action will be promply forthcoming.

A copy of this letter has been despatched to the London Chamber of Commerce (Far Eastern Section).

I am, etc.
(Sd). E. A. M. Williams,
Secretary.

The Honourable Colonial Secretary.

The matter has been taken up by the Government and the G. P. O. London.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

Armed Robbers who were Caught in the Act.

Before the Chief Justice, Sir William Rees Davies, this morning, Wong Pak and Wong Sing were charged with being concerned in an armed robbery at No. 1, Square St. on February 11, 1913.

Prisoners pleaded not guilty.

The Attorney General, Mr. J.A. S. Bucknill, K.C. prosecuted on behalf of the Crown; prisoners were unrepresented.

The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. C. B. Buyers, foreman, U. Suffiad, A. V. Barros, C. A. de Rosa, A. E. S. Alves, A. L. Stein, and J. H. Gordon.

The Attorney General said that this was one of those cases which seemed to occur with great frequency in the Colony. It was a case of armed robbery, and armed robbery under circumstances which gave really little ground for saying there was anything to extenuate it. The two prisoners were not natives of Hongkong, but were supposed to have come down from Canton a very short time before.

Women Tied up and Gagged.

These two men, after they had been here a very few days, took up a course which had led them into their present position. There was a house, numbered 1, Square St. where there lived three women and two children. One was an elderly woman with some means and a quantity of jewellery, the second was not so old, but was fairly well to-do, while the third was the daughter of the second. On February 11, this house was broken into, and the women were gagged, tied up, and treated with some violence. They were threatened with knives by the gang, who ransacked the place and stole everything of value in the house. There was a young man who was in Government employ, and who lived in the same block; he heard the outcry of one of the women and he, in a commendable manner, at once gave notice to the police. The police with great promptitude set out for the place, and arrived there in time to catch the two prisoners who were packing up the jewellery to go away. They seized the two prisoners and on their persons were found a quantity of stolen jewellery.

Both prisoners were found guilty and sentenced to 6 years hard labour and 15 strokes of the cat.

Charge Withdrawn.

Cheng Li Chun, who was to have been indicted on a charge of being concerned in the same armed robbery, was not brought before his Lordship, though Mr. C. G. Alabaster, instructed by Mr.

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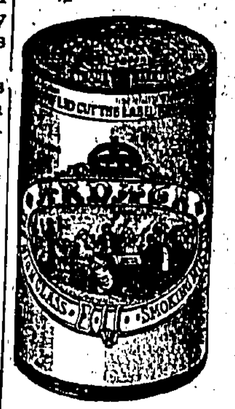

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PIRATES AGAIN.

Junk Owner and His Son Held for Ransom.

A case of piracy is reported by a seaman named Lo Tai, of Aberdeen. He is one of the crew of licensed fishing junk 418 of Aberdeen, a boat of 398 piculs capacity, carrying cargo and 14 persons, without arms on board, and he has reported that about twelve noon on the 19th while on a voyage from Macao to Aberdeen, and when about half a mile off Kau Kau Mun Island about two or three hours sail from Macao, in Chinese waters, four men in a rowing boat hailed the junk by firing several shots at the boat.

The pirates got alongside, boarded the junk and threatened to kill the crew if they offered any resistence. They put the crew in the hold, ransacked the junk, and stole money, clothing, jewellery and salt fish valued $340. They also took away the owner of the junk and his son, aged 12 years, and told the remainder of the crew that if they wanted to redeem the master and the boy they would have to bring money to Macao. The pirates then sailed towards Kau Mun Island.

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From ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND STRAITS.

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CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the *Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf* and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th inst., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 6th prox., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 26th inst at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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To-day's Advertisements

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

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Optional goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, to-day.

Goods not cleared by the 29th April, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1913. [324

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

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Cargo remaining undelivered on 25th April at noon will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No claim will be recognised after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered on April 29th inst. 5 p.m. afternoon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All chafed and otherwise damaged Cargo to be left in godown, and examination of same to be held on 30th April 1913, at 3 p.m.

All Claims must be filed on or before 6th May, otherwise they will not be recognised.

S. MORIMOTO,
Agent

Hongkong 22nd April, 1913. (326

INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS, HONGKONG.

A PAPER will be read by Engineer Commander G. W. Roome, R.N. (member) on Friday, 25th April, 1913, in the Institute at 9.15 p.m.

Subject. "The Diesel Engine."

Members and their friends are invited to attend.

R. B. WOOD, Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1913. 1826

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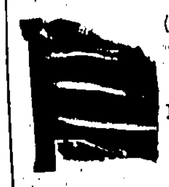

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

Destination.	Steamers		Sailing Date
LONDON & Antwerp via S'gapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez & Port Said and Marseilles ...	IYO MARU Capt. Hirase	T. 12,500	W'NESDAY, 23rd April, at daylight.
KOBE & Y'HAMA	KAMO MARU Capt. Sommer	T. 16,000	THURSDAY, 24th April.
BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo.	KAWACHI MARU C. A. Christiansen	T. 12,500	MONDAY, 28th April.
MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.....	KIRIN MARU Capt. Deguchi	T. 6000	MONDAY, 28th April.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	SHINYO MARU Capt. Ohkums	T. 6,000	TUESDAY, 29th April.
CALCUTTA via S'pore, Penang & Rangoon ...	TOSA MARU Capt. T. Sato	T. 12,000	SATURDAY, 3rd May.
N'SAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	KUMANO MARU Capt. M. Winckler	T. 9,600	WEDNESDAY 7th May at Noon.
Europe &c.	HIRANO MARU Capt. H. Fraser	T. 16,000	W'NESDAY, 7th May, at daylight.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville and Brisbane	INABA MARU Capt. Tominaga	T. 12,500	W'NESDAY, 7th May, at Noon
AMERICA &c.....	SANUKI MARU Capt. Richards	T. 12,500	SATURDAY, 17th May.
AUSTRALIA &c.	NIKKO MARU Capt. Yagi	T. 9,600	WEDNESDAY 4th June at noon.

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§ Fitted with new system of wireless telegraphy.

PASSENGER SEASON FOR 1913.

FOR EUROPE.

Steamer.	Tons displacement.	Leaving H.K.
Iyo Maru	12,500	23rd April,
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Tango Maru	13,500	21st May,

FOR AMERICA.

Yokohama Maru	12,500	22nd April.
Inaba Maru	12,500	6th May.
Shidzuoka Maru	12,500	20th May.
Tamba Maru	12,000	3rd June.

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CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	Steamers.	To Sail.
NINGPO & SHANGHAI	"HUPEH"	23rd April at noon.
SHANGHAI, Tsingtau, Chefoo & Chinwantao...	"ICHANG"	24th April, at 4 p.m.
HAIPHONG.....	"SINGAN"	26th April, at 9 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	26th April, at midnight.
SHANGHAI.....	"ANHUI"	1st May, at 4 p.m.

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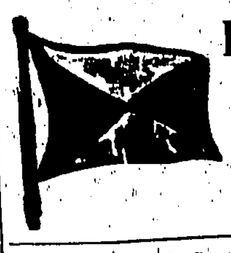

HONGKONG—PHILIPPINES.

PHILIPPINES STEAMSHIP CO.

Steamship.	T.	Captains.	For	Sailing date.
ZAFIRO ...	4000	F. S. McMurray	Manila Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	SATURDAY, 26th Apr. 4 p.m.
RUBI	4000	J. Miller	Manila Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	WEDNESDAY 7th May, 4 p.m.

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Steamer	From	Expected on or about	For	Will leave on or abou
Tjikini	JAPAN	2nd half Apr.	JAVA	2nd half Apr.
Tjiliwong	SHANGHAI	2nd half Apr.	JAVA	2nd half Apr.
Tjilatjap	JAVA	2nd half Apr.	JAPAN	2nd half Apr.
Tjibodas	JAVA	2nd half Apr.	SHANGHAI	2nd half Apr.
Tjimanock	JAVA	2nd half Apr.	JAPAN	1st half May.
Tjimahi	JAVA	1st half May.	JAPAN	1st half May.
Tjipanas	JAVA	1st half May.	SHANGHAI	1st half May.
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PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (Subject to alteration)

Steamer	Tons	Captain	Date of Sailing
S.S. "Shinyo Maru"	22,000	H.S. Smith	April 29th Noon.
S.S. "Chiyo Maru"	22,000	W.W. Greene	May 27th ,,
S.S. "Nippon Maru"	11,000	A. G. Stevens	June 17th ,,
S.S. "Tenyo Maru"	22,000	E. Bent	June 24th ,,

The S.S. Shinyo Maru will be despatched for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokkaichi, Yokohama and Honolulu on Tuesday the 29th April at noon.

These steamers are equipped with Turbine Engines and Triple Screws.

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Proposed Sailings From Hongkong (Subject to Alteration).

Steamers	Tons	Date of Sailing
Hongkong Maru	11,000	Wednesday June 4, Noon.
Kiyo Maru	17,200	Tuesday, August 5, Noon 1913

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Steamers:				
Korea	11,000	Tons	Starting,	Apr. 22, at 1 p.m.
Siberia	18,000	,,	,,	May 6, at 1 p.m.
* China	10,000	,,	,,	May 13, at 3 p.m.

Passengers holding through Tickets have the privilege of travelling by train between Kobe and Yokohama, free of charge.

HONGKONG—MANILA SERVICE.

From HONGKONG, Leave Hongkong.	Arrive Manila.	From MANILA. Leave Manila.	Due Hongkong.
May 13 CHINA	May 15	May 3 CHINA	May 5
June 3 NILE	June 5	May 11 MANCHURIA	May 13
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LOG BOOK.

German Mail Subsidies.

The German Government has now invited offers from the shipping companies for undertaking the mail service to East Asia and Australia, in view of the expiration next year of the present mail subsidy agreement with the North German Lloyd, which has carried on the services since their first institution. Apart from the Lloyd Co., the "Berliner Tageblatt" states that the only possible competitor, as the Hansa Company and the German Australian Company have hitherto exclusively devoted themselves to the freight traffic, is the Hamburg-American Company, or a combination in which that company would take the lead. Some years ago the Hamburg-American Company co-operated with the North German Lloyd in regard to the mail service to the Far East, but the former subsequently withdrew from the agreement and reverted solely to the freight business with Eastern Asia.

Training Radio Operators.

Recent events at sea, says the Liverpool "Journal of Commerce," have proved so unquestionably the grave importance of perfect Marconi equipment on board vessels that the latest step taken in this direction by Booth & Co., Ld., owning the Booth Steamship Line, received a very general and genuine appreciation. In consequence of the new radio regulations brought in by the United States Government for passenger steamers, all such with a crew of fifty or over must have two operators. For some time now the Booth Line has carried on its vessels a number of boys from the Navy League Home in Liscard, and knowing that many of these had a knowledge of wireless telegraphy—as a special course of instruction caters for this at the Home—they placed them as assistant operators on the New York service of the line. All these boys hold the Postmaster General's certificate for proficiency in wireless telegraphy. The Marconi Company gives every facility for training, and the boys go through a course of training for three months at Seaforth station under F. E.D. Pereira (the Liverpool superintendent of the Marconi International Marine Communication Company, Ld.). As a rule the Booth Line carry four of the Navy League boys on each of their large vessels. With the completion of their three new New York service boats eleven boy operators will be employed.

Improving Madras Harbour.

Sir Francis Spring, chairman of the Madras Port Trust, circulated just a year ago a memorandum to the public bodies of Madras containing a complete scheme for a ship quay for the harbour, the cost of which with subsidiary works was estimated roughly at rather less than fifty lakhs of rupees. This sum Sir Francis Spring proposed to borrow from the Government of India at a 4 per cent. loan payable in forty years. The scheme met with general approval, but considerable difficulty was anticipated in finding the necessary funds. Sir Francis Spring had previously submitted an alternative cheaper scheme for quaying a portion of the foreshore and this had already been accepted by the Government. The port authorities accordingly pushed on with the work contemplated by that proposal, and already much of the construction is well forward. The Madras Government proved most sympathetic also to the larger scheme and made provision for a grant of six lakhs of rupees in view of the delay that was expected to occur before the large sum of money needed could be provided. The optimism of Sir Francis Spring has, however, been completely justified for the Government of India has sanctioned an advance of a loan of fifty lakhs, and nothing now stands in the way of completion of the scheme which within the next four years will revolutionise work in the Madras harbour and and convert it into one of the best artificial havens in the Empire.

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For	Steamship	On.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	FOOSHING*	W'day, 23rd Apr., at d'light.
TIENTSIN	CHIPSHING*	Wednesday, 23rd April, at noon.
SHANGHAI	LOKSANG†	Thursday, 24th April, at noon.
S'PORE, Penang & C'cutta.	FOOKSANG*	Thursday, 24th Apr., at 2 p.m.
MANILA	LOONGSANG*	Saturday, 26th April, 2 p.m.
SHANGHAI	HANGSANG†	Sunday, 27th April, at d'light.
SHANGHAI, Kobe & Moji	NAMSANG†	Monday, 28th April, at noon.
MANILA	YUENSANG*	Saturday, 3rd May, at 2 p.m.

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VICTORIA, VANCOUVER & SEATTLE	HARPAGUS	„ 10th June.
PORTLAND, TACOMA & SEATTLE	MONMOUTHSHIRE	„ 27th June.

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do do	Noro	P. & O. Co.	30 April, about
London via Usual Ports of Call	Devanha	P. & O. Co.	26 April
Havre and Hamburg, &c.	Arabia	H. A. L.	27 May
Havre, Hamburg & Bremen	Segovia	H. A. L.	19 June
Hamburg and Antwerp	Sicilia	H. A. L.	4 June
Havre, Hamburg & Antwerp, &c.	Senegambia	H. A. L.	25 April
Havre, Hamburg & Hamburg, &c.	Liberia	H. A. L.	16 May
Marseilles, London and Antwerp	Den of Glamis	J. M. & Co.	30 April, about
Marseilles via Saigon, S'pore, Colombo, Port Sai	Ernest Simons	M.M. & Co.	22 April
Rotterdam and Hamburg	Alesia	H. A. L.	10 June
do do	Segovia	H. A. L.	19 June
Rotterdam, Bremen, Hamburg, & Antwerp, &c.	Bayern	H. A. L.	20 May
Trieste, &c.	Bohemia	S. W. & Co.	13 May
Trieste, Fiume, Venice via Singapore, &c.	China	S. W. & Co.	1 May, about
Naples, Genoa, Algiers, Gibraltar, S'ton, Manila	Luetzow	M. & Co.	29 April

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Mexican, Peruvian and Chili Ports via Japan	Hongkong Maru	T. K. K.	4 June
do do do do	Kiyo Maru	T. K. K.	5 August
New York	Ghazee	D. & Co.	6 May, about
New York	Indrani	J. M. & Co.	26 April
San Francisco	Shinyo Maru	T. K. K.	29 April
do	Chiyo Maru	T. K. K.	27 May
San Francisco, etc	Nippon Maru	T. K. K.	17 June
do	Tenyo Maru	T. K. K.	24 June
San Francisco via Japan	Siberia	P. M. & Co.	6 May
do do	China	P. M. & Co.	13 May
do do	Nile	P. M. & Co.	3 June
Victoria, B.C., & Tacoma via Shanghai, &c.	Mexico Maru	O. S. K.	30 April
Victoria, Vancouver, B.C., Seattle	Harpagus	J. M. & Co.	10 June, about
Vancouver via Shanghai and Japan, &c.	Empress of Japan	C. P. R. Co.	26 April
Vancouver via Japan	E. of Russia	C. P. R. Co.	21 May
do do	E. of India	C. P. R. Co.	7 June
Vancouver, Seattle, &c.	Saxonia	H. A. L.	22 May
Vancouver, Seattle and Portland	Falls of Orchy	J. M. & Co.	4 May
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Portland, Tacoma and Seattle	Monmouthshire	J. M. & Co.	27 June, about

Australia.

Australian Ports via Manila	Eastern	G. L. & Co	30 April
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do do	Guthrie	B. & S.	23 May
do do	Inaba Maru	N. Y. K.	7 May
do do	Empire	G. L. & Co	24 May
do do	St. Albans	G. L. & Co.	21 June
do do	Nikko Maru	N. Y. K.	4 June

Singapore, Coast Ports and Japan.

Singapore &c.	Kiev.	R. V. F.	Middle April
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Fooksang	J. M. & Co.	24 April
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do do do	Tjimahi	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
Kudat and Sandakan	Borneo	M. & Co.	Beginning of April
Bombay via Singapore, Penang & Colombo	Indo Maru	O. S. K.	26 April
Japan	Tjiliwong	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
Kobe	Saigon Maru	O. S. K.	21 May
Kobe & Yokohama,	Kamo Maru	N. Y. K	24 April
Kobe and Yokohama	Prinz Sigismund	M. & Co.	29 April, about
do do	Jinsen Maru	N. Y. K.	24 April
Yokohama, Kobe & Moji,	Fultala	J. M. & Co.	30 April
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Kumano Maru	N. Y. K.	7 May
Yokohama and Kobe via Shanghai	Persia	S. W. & Co.	5 May, about
Tientsin	Chipshing	J. M. & Co.	23 April
Ningpo and Shanghai	Hupeh	B. & S.	25 April
Anping and Takao via Swatow and Amoy	Soshu Maru	O. S. K.	30 April
Manila	Loongsang	J. M. & Co.	26 April
do	Zafiro	S. T. & Co.	26 April
Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Kirin Maru	N. Y. K.	28 April
Foochow via Swatow and Amoy	Kaijo Maru	O. S. K.	23 April
Swatow	Haimun	D. L. & Co.	27 April
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	D. L. & Co.	26 April
Shanghai, Moji Kobe and Yokohama	Shinyo Maru	N. Y. K.	23 April
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Thongwa	D. S. & Co.	30 April
Shanghai and Japan	Alesia	H. A. L.	27 April
Do. Do.	Segovia	Do.	8 May
Do. Do.	Furst Bulow	Do.	19 May
Do. Do.	Birkenfels	Do.	24 May
Shanghai and Japan	Saxonia	Do.	24 May
do do do	Preussen	Do.	24 June
Shanghai, Tsingtau, Kobe and Yokohama	Prinz Ludwig	M. & Co.	1 May, about
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The P. & O. s.s. China left Singapore for this port on the 19th inst., at 8 a.m., with the outward English Mails, and is due here on the 23rd inst., at 2 p.m.

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The I. G. M. s.s. Prinz Ludwig carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 2nd inst., left Colombo on th 19th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on the 30th inst.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. Prinz Sigismund left Sydney on the 5th inst., and may be expected here on the 29th inst.

The E. & A. s.s. Empire left Sydney on the 9th inst., and may be expected to arrive here on the 2nd prox.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The s.s. Glenesk passed the Suez Canal on the 15th inst., for Hongkong via Straits.

The s.s. Ischia left Kobe for this port on the 18th inst., and may be expected here on the 25th inst.

The s.s. Thongwa from Calcutta left Singapore on the 20th inst., and may be expected here on the 25th inst., a.m.

The H. A. L. s.s. Senegambia left Shanghai on the 20th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on the 23rd inst., p.m.

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Antilochus, Br. s.s., 5,806, Flynn, 13th April—Seattle 19th Mar., Gen.—B. & S.

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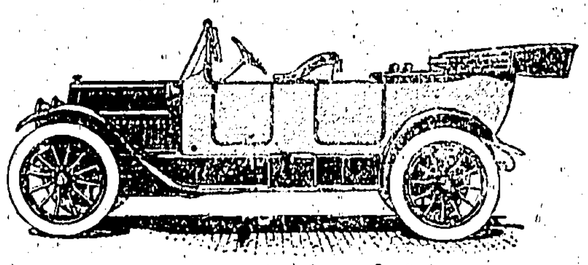

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Hongkong, 15th April., 1913 [311

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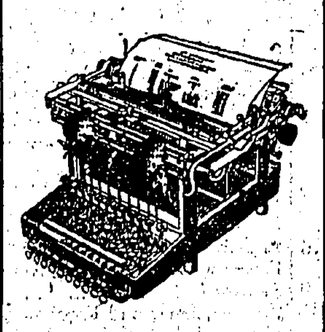

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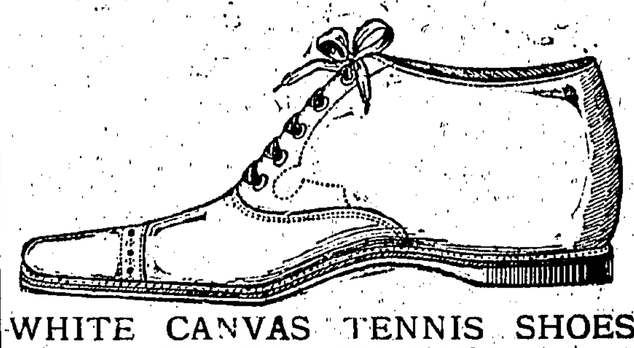

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SUNDAYS.

8.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. every 15 min.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. " 10 min.
11.45 a.m. to 12.00 noon " 15 min.
12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. " 10 min.
1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. " 15 min.
5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. " 10 min.
6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. " 15 min.
7.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. " 10 min.

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

SATURDAYS.

Extra Cars at 12 midnight.

SPECIAL CARS.

By Arrangement at the Company's Office, Alexandra Buildings, Des Voeux Road.

COMMERCIAL.

Direct Trade With Amoy.

The United States Vice Consul Mr. Charles F. Brissel, Amoy, in the course of a recent report, states that there is, perhaps, no coast treaty port in South China so ill served by steamers as Amoy. The larger steamers sometimes stop at Foochow and Swatow, but exclusive of the one call of the Pacific mail steamers during the year for narcissus bulbs this port sees none of the large vessels. The result is that all cargo destined for Amoy must go first to Hongkong or Shanghai (usually Hongkong), and there be re-shipped by local coasting steamers. "Were foreign firms to endeavour to do business direct in Amoy, they might find the difficulties of currency very grave. At the present time there are practically no notes in circulation here other than those of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and the Bank of Taiwan. The medium of exchange is the silver dollar, which here means a Hongkong dollar, a local Japanese yen, a Mexican dollar, or, occasionally, a dollar from the Straits Settlements or Saigon. The real commercial unit is the Spanish dollar, which is the name given by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation to a fictitious unit of value maintained by that bank and by which standard it gauges the daily value of the local silver dollars. If silver is plentiful, for a Hongkong and Shanghai Banking cheque for $100 one may receive actually 101 silver dollars; if the reverse be the case, one may receive but 99 silver dollars. As this institution does practically all the international banking business, its valuation of silver will affect the market price of commodities. In addition, most of the local dealers trade in small money. One silver dollar is usually worth ten 10-cent pieces and eight copper cents. It is thus easy to see that if one buys for large money and sells for small money he will lose about 8 per cent. This rate is not fixed and varies greatly. At times one silver 10-cent piece will bring fifteen cents copper. . . . . In addition, the farther one goes from the sea coast the more minute the divisions of currency. Lately a revenue stamp has been got out, the face value of which is 1,000 each (brass cash), which is supposed to be worth $1 Mexican, thus showing that in this locality, at least, the basic unit of value would seem to be the old cash. When one adds to the preceding the difficulties of foreign exchange, it will be seen that the ordinary buyer would experience some difficulty in effecting his purchases, especially as the large majority of Chinese buyers know practically no English. About a year ago a local firm made some trial shipments of ginseng direct from America. This office watched these trials with considerable interest only to find that the difficulties of exchange and language became so great that the importer returned to his former method of importing *via* Hongkong."

COMMERCIAL.

Singapore Slipway and Engineering Company.

The twenty-seventh ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Singapore Slipway and Engineering Co., Ltd., was held at the offices of the Tanjong Pagar Dock Board on April 10, Mr. S. A. Lane in the chair. The minutes of the 26th meeting having been read and confirmed, the directors' report was approved and accepted, and the accounts passed. It was decided that a dividend of $4 per share be paid to the shareholders. The working account for the year showed a profit of $19,709.27, which, with the $1,593.34 carried forward from the previous year, left the sum of $21,302.61. Mr. E. Anderson, the director to retire by rotation, was re-elected, and Mr. J. R. Nicholson was elected a director in place of Mr. A. Agnew, proceeding to Europe. Messrs. Welsh and Co. were elected as auditors.

Singapore Poultry and Dairy Farm.

Messrs. Down & Co., secretaries of the Singapore Poultry and Dairy Firm, Limited, have issued the following circular to shareholders:—We are pleased to inform you that following upon arrangements concluded at the extra-ordinary general meeting held 27th ult., a new board has been formed who have taken over control of the company's affairs and the old directorate are now retired. The new directors fortunately come to their task with an acquaintance of dairy-farming and confidently forecast bringing the company's business to a paying stage in the course of but a few months. Immediate and active measures are being taken to secure with a minimum of delay the additional milch cows and to carry out the other imperative works outlined in the prospectus, meantime the board are exercising most rigid economy at the farm. For the purchase of the above live stock, etc., a call of $1 per share has been made and with the final call of $1 which will follow in the course of the two months necessitated by the prospectus, it is expected to have sufficient money to finance the dairy side of the business.

Public Auction.

G. R.

PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 28th day of April, 1913, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at Tai Ping Shan in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	LOCALITY	Boundary Measurements (Approximate) N.E.	S.W.	S.E.	N.W.	Contents in Sq. ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price
1	Tai Ping Shan Inland Lot No. 1963.	Between Peel Lane & Upper Station Street Tai Ping Shan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
			100	100	46	46	4,600 about	74	11,500

Public Companies

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Offices, St. George's Building, on SATURDAY, the 3rd May, 1913, at 12 o'clock, NOON, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a statement of Accounts to 28th February, 1913, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 19th April to the 3rd May, 1913, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1913. [312

Entertainments

THE EDISON KINETOPHONE.

MARVEL

OF THE AGE!!!

Sound and action combined in The MOST Delightful way.

You not only SEE but HEAR!!

If you wish to satisfy yourselves,—and we advise you to do so,—apply to

ROBINSON & CO.,

DES VŒUX ROAD,

FOR INFORMATION.

BIJOU.

9.15 PROGRAMME. 9.15

CAPTAIN KATE
Stirring American (A B) Sensational Drama
A Diplomatic Lover (Comic)
At the Front, by Prince ,,
Two Little Scapegraces ,,
Love Laughs at Locksmith ,,
NEWS OF THE WORLD (Pathe Gazette)

Miss VIOLET BONETTA
(a) "My Yiddisher Boy"
(b) "I want A Girl"

MATINEES { Sat'days 4.15 / Sundays 6.00

Artistes at all Matinees.

7.15 PICTURES ONLY 7.15

VICTORIA THEATRE.

During the Week, the Magnificent New Pictures
"Woman of Stone," in 2 parts.
A Magnificent Eclair Film of the play that Olga Nethersole made famous the Whole World over; it is the rage where-ever screened.
"TEMPEST," Dramatic film full of interesting and exciting scenes.
"SAPHO," 5000 ft., in a couple of Weeks.
Miss FREDA ARDEA,
Serio Dancer.
"Les Miserables" Expected Daily.

Public Companies

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

THE TWENTY FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDER in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, on Saturday the 26th day of April 1913, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1912.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 21st to the 26th April both day inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1913. [318

THE HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA STEAM FISHERIES CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Final Call of $3.00 per share has been made on the share capital of the Company, and that same is payable to the Company's Bankers (The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong) on or before 15th May, 1913.

BRADLEY & CO., LTD.
General Managers.

Hongkong 3rd April 1913. [310

Notices

NGON INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

A Final Dividend of Twenty Dollars per Share for the year 1911 and an Interim Dividend of Thirty Dollars per Share for the year 1912 will be payable on Wednesday the 16th instant.

Warrants may be had on application at the Office of the Society on and after that date.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE
Secretary,

Hongkong 17th April, 1913. [318

MARTIN'S APIOL & STEEL PILLS
A French Remedy for all Irregularities. Thousands of Ladies always keep a box of Martin's Pills in the house, so that on the first sign of any Irregularity of the System a timely dose may be administered. Those who use them recommend them, hence their enormous sale. All Chemists and Stores sell them throughout the World. Or post free from MARTIN, Chemist, Southampton.
MARTIN'S APIOL & STEEL PILLS

Banks

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

Head Office:—60, Wall Street, New York.
London Office:—36, Bishopsgate, E.C.

BRANCHES:—

Bombay	Kobe
Calcutta	Manila
Canton	Mexico
Cebu	Panama
Colon	Peking
Empire	San Francisco
Hongkong	Shanghai
Hankow	Yokohama

Capital and Reserve.....$7,060,000 (Gold) about.....£1,410,000

EVERY DESCRIPTION OF BANKING BUSINESS transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened on the usual terms.
DEPOSITS RECEIVED, fixed for one year at 4% per annum, or for shorter periods, at rates, which may be ascertained on application.
BILLS NEGOTIATED and COLLECTED.
MAIL and TELEGRAPHIC REMITTANCES made.
LETTERS OF CREDIT and DRAFTS granted on all the principal cities in the World.
THE BANK'S CIRCULAR LETTERS OF CREDIT are available all over the World.
COMMERCIAL LETTERS OF CREDIT issued.
PURCHASE and SALE of Stocks and Shares effected.
TRAVELLERS CHECKS sold and cashed.

GEORGE HOGG,
Manager.

9, Queen's Road, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 1st Nov., 1912 1912

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Established 1880.
Authorised Capital Yen 48,000,000
Paid-up Capital ... „ 30,000,000
Reserve Fund ..... „ 18,200,000

Head Office.—YOKOHAMA.

Branches	Agencies at
Antung-Hsien	Nagasaki
Bombay	Newchwang
Calcutta	New York
Changchun	Osaka
Dairen	Pekin
Fengtien	Ryoiun Port (Arthur)
Harbin	San Francisco
Hankow	Shanghai
Honolulu	Tiehling
Kobe	Tientsin
Liao-Yang	Tokyo
London	Los Angeles
Lyons	

Interest Allowed on Current Account.
Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

EISHI ONO,
Manager.

Hongkong, 31st Mar., 1913. [18

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.

HEAD OFFICE.—LONDON.
Paid-up Capital £1,200,000
Reserve Fund..... .....£1,700,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

[A. S. HEWETT,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1912. [22

Notices

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

(Capital Paid up...$1,250,000.)

Loans on Mortgage of House Property, &c.
Goods received on Storage.
Advances made on Merchandise:
Loans made on the Provident System.
(Rates and Particulars on application).

The Office of
TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF WILLS, ATTORNEY, &c., Undertaken and Executed.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.
General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1908 32

THE FAMINE IN CHINA.

EIGHT Famine Districts with an area of 30,000 square miles.
TWO and a half million people facing starvation.
PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO-DAY.
IT WILL HELP TO SAVE LIFE
Treasurer, H. C. GULLAND, Esqr Manager, International Banking Corporation Shanghai.

Hongkong, 24th January 1913 [87

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT

In Casks of 375 lbs. net.
In Bags of 250 lbs. net.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th August, 1901 [3

If you happen to be late your meals will be Courteously & Promptly served just the Same. Only at The ALEXANDRA CAFE.

LESSONS IN CHINESE.

MR LI HON FAN, a Chinese graduate versed in literature, has been a teacher to European officials and merchants in this Colony for over ten years.

He has a good method of training Europeans to pass in the Chinese examination, and is possessed of a first rate certificate as a Chinese teacher. He has also a good knowledge of Mandarin and Hakka.

Those who intend learning the Chinese language are requested to write care of "Hongkong Telegraph" office or direct to 87 Hollywood Road, 1st floor.

Hongkong, 28th Jan, 1913. [147

Banks

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital $15,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS:
Sterling £1,500,000 at 2/-= $15,000,000
Silver 17,200,000
$32,200,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors $15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross—Chairman
S. H. Dodwell, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.
G. Friesland, Esq.
C. S. Gubbay, Esq.
P. H. Holyoak, Esq.
G. R. Laurenz, Esq.
F. Lieb, Esq.
W. L. Pattenden, Esq.
J. A. Plummer, Esq.
Hon. Mr. E. Shellim.
H. A. Siebs, Esq.
CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—N. J. Stabb.
MANAGER.
Shanghai—A. G. Stephen.
London Bankers—London County and Westminster Limited.

Hongkong—Interest Allowed.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per Annum on the daily balance
ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
For 3 months. 2½ per cent. per Annum.
For 6 months. 3½ per cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per Annum.

N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at $3 Per Cent. per annum.
Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 Per Cent. per annum.
For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.

DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.

Capital Fully Paid-up ...Sh. Taels 7,500,000
Head Office.—Shanghai.
Board of Directors—Berlin.
Branches:

Berlin	Calcutta	Canton
Hamburg	Hankow	Kobe
Peking	Singapore	Tientsin
Tsinanfu	Tsingtau	Yokohama.

LONDON BANKERS:
Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Sons.
The Union of London and Smith's Bank, Limited.
Deutsche Bank (Berlin), London Agency.
Direction der Disconto Gesellschaft.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account. DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

R. TIMMERSCHEIDT,
Manager.

Hongkong, 9th Oct. 1911. [2

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,500,000
Subscribed „ 1,125,000
Paid Up „ 562,000
Reserved Fund „ 415,000

HEAD OFFICE:
40, Threadneedle Street, London, E.C.
BRANCHES:

Bombay.	Kandy.
Calcutta.	Galle.
Howrah.	Singapore.
Delhi.	Penang.
Madras.	Kota Bahm, Kelantan.
Karachi.	Kuala Lumpur, F.M.S.
Rangoon.	Hongkong.
Colombo.	Shanghai.

AGENTS IN JAPAN:
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.
BANKERS:
Bank of England.
London Joint Stock Bank, Ltd.

EVERY description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Stocks and Shares bought and sold on account of Constituents. Letters of Credit granted on Agents and Correspondents all over the world.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

F. C. MACDONALD,
Manager.

Exchange

Selling.		Buying.	
T/T.	1/11⅞	4 m/s. L/C	2/-3/8
Demand	1/11 15/16	4 m/s. D/P.	2/-½
30 d/s	2/-	6 m/s. L/C	2/- 9/16
60 d/s	2/- 1/16	30 d/s. S'ney & Melbourne	2/-5/8
4 m/s	2/-⅛	30 d/s. San F'co & New York.	49¼
T/T. Shanghai	73⅛	4 m/s. Marks	209½
T/T. Singapore	85¼	4 m/s. Francs	2.57
TT. Japan	97¾	6 m/s. do	2.59
T.T. India	148½	Bar Silver. ready	27 9/16
Demand. India	148¾	forward	27¾
Demand, Manila	97¾	Gold Leaf per tael	.50
T/T. San F'co & New York	48⅜	Bank of England rate	4½
T/T. Java	120⅜	Sovereign	$9.97
T/T. Marks	203½		
T/T. Francs	2.51½		

Subsidiary Coins. Discount per $100		Opium Quotation. Mar. 28.	
Chinese ...20 cts. pieces	$7 11/16	Malwa, New	$3,000 per pic.
Chinese ...10 „	$7⅞	Malwa, Old	3,100 „
Hongkong.20 „	$6¾	Patna, New	3,350 per chs.
Hongkong.10 „	$7⅞	Patna, Old	3,200 „
		Benares, New	3,400 „
		Benares, Old	3,250 „

SHARE REPORT.

S—SELLERS SA—SALE B—BUYERS

Stocks & Paid up Value.		Closing Quotations		Last Dividend and Date.
BANKS.				
Hongkong & S'hai	$125	$805 nominal £81/-/-		£2/5/- at ex 2/-⅛ equal to $21.71 for ½ year ending 31/12/12
MARINE INSURANCE.				
Cantons	$50	$305	b.	$18 for 1911
North China	£5	T136	b.	Interim of 10/- for 1911
Unions	$100	$795	sa.	Final of $20 making $50 for 1909 and Interim of $30 for 1911
Yangtzes	£50	$200	b.	$12 for 1909 and Int. of $3 on account of 1910
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fires	$20	$149	s.	$10 for 1911
Hongkong Fires	$50	$356	b.	$27 for 1912
SHIPPING.				
China & Manilas	$25	$8½	b.	$1 for 1906
Douglas Steamship	$50	$39½	b.	5 p.c. for year end'g 30'6'12
Steamboats	$15	$27½	b.	Dividend of $1 for half year ending 31'12'12
Indo-Chinas (Preferred) (Deferred)	£5	$96	s.	6 p.c. for year 1910 on preferred shares
"Shell" Transports	£1	116/- middle £11	b.	1/- per share Coupon No 19
"Star Ferry"	$10	$48	b.	15 p.c. for year ending 30.4.12
REFINERIES.				
China Sugars	$100	$108	s.	$3 for 1913
Luzon Sugars	$100	$38		$3 for 1897
MINING.				
Chinese Engineering	£1	32/6		1/6 per shares final 1911 (Coupon No. 18)
Tronohs	£1	80/-		7/6 per share on 150,000
Raubs	£1	$3,60	b.	1/2 for 1909
DOCKS, WHARVES, & G'DOWNS.				
Kowloon Wharfs	$50	$77	b.	$4.50 for year 1912
H.K. & W'poa Docks	$50	$69	b.	$1 final dividend for year 1912
Shanghai Docks	T. 100	T.63		Tls. 3 for 1912
Hongkew Wharfs	T. 100	T.108	b.	Interim of Tls. 3, for 1912
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.				
Anglo French Lands	T.100	T.94		Tls. 6 29'2'10
Hongkong Hotels	$50	$115 b. $76 b.		$3 on old shares, $1.50 on new shares for half year 31'12'12
Hongkong Lands	$100	$110	b.	Final div. of $3½ making $7 for 1912
Humphreys Estates	$10	$8¼	b.	40 cents for 1912
Kowloon Lands	$30	$27	b.	$2.80 for 1912
Shanghai Lands	T. 30	T. 92	b.	5 p. c. for half to 30'6'12
West Points	$50	$82	b.	Final of $3.25 making $4.25 for 1912
Manila M'pole Hotel	P.10	P. 8		15 per cent. for 1910
COTTON MILLS.				
Ewos	T. 50	T. 142		T4 for year ended 31'10'10
Hongkong Cottons	$10	$10	s.	T7 for year ended 20'12'10
MISCELLANEOUS.				
China-Borneos	$12	$9¼	b.	50 cents 31.7.08
Light and Powers	$10	$3	s.	85 cents for 1912
Do. (Spec. shares)	$1			
China Providents	$10	$8¾	nonimal	70 cents for 1912
Dairy Farms	$6	$25½	nonimal	$1.25 for year end'g 31'7'12
Green Islands	$10	$4½	b.	40 cents for 1911
Hongkong Electrics	$10	$32½	b.	$1.40 per share
Hongkong Ices	$25	$170	s.	Final of $8 for 1912
Hongkong Ropes	$10	$19¼	b.	$1 interim account 1912
Langkats	g. 10	T.60	b.	Tls. 4½ for 1912
Morning Post	$25	$22		None
Peak Tramway	$10	$11¾	s.	80 cents on fully paid shares and 8 cents on $1 paid shares for year ending 30'4'12
Do. (new)	$1	$1	b.	None
Hongkong Electric Trams		7/-	sa.	None
Philippines	$10	$5	s.	$1.50 for 1910
H. Price & Co., Ld.	$10	$6		
Societe des Pulpesset Papierteries du Tonkin	Preferred $50 paid up $50 Benefit	$30 $150	s.	None
Shanghai-Sumatras	T. 20	T.150		
Steam Laundry	$5	$4	b.	No dividend this year
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ld.	$10	$9½	b.	50 cts. for year end'g 30'5'1
United Asbestos Founders Shares	$10	$300		20 per cent. per ordinary share for year ended 31'5'1912
Union Waterboat	$10	$17	b.	per share for year ending 31'12'1912
Weismann, Ltd.	$10	$18	b.	25 P. cent. for year ending 31.7.11
Watson	$10	$7½	b.	30 cents for 1910
William Powell		$9¼	b.	40 cts. year ending 30'6'12

Corrected to 3.30 p.m. April 21st 1913 by WRIGHT AND HORNBY, Share and General Brokers, 2 Des Vœux Road Central. Mail address Box 444.

"The Telegraph does not hold itself responsible for any of the above quotations.

CRIMINAL SESSION.

(*Continued from Page 5*).

P. W. Goldring, appeared for the defence.

The Attorney General said that, with regard to that case, he had been through the evidence very carefully, and, in view of the proceedings yesterday, he proposed to enter a *nolle prosequi*.

His Lordship concurred and this course was adopted.

Not Guilty.

The case, arising out of the same circumstances, in which Lau Chi-sing, was charged with armed robbery, came to a conclusion yesterday after we had gone to press.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, who, instructed by Mr. Reader Harris of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the defence, accounted for the possession of the young woman's jewellery by saying that the prisoner was betrothed to the women. They had been out together, and when they returned to her house, they heard the robbers. The prisoner took charge of her jewellery for safe custody.

The jury by a majority of 5 to 2 returned a verdict of not guilty and the prisoner was discharged.

SECOND COURT.

In the second court before the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Kemp, Chan Pui was indicted on a charge of having, with two other persons unknown, committed an armed robbery in Coronation Terrace, near Caine Road.

In answer to the charge, prisoner said he went to the house, to steal, not to rob.

This was taken as a plea of not guilty and the following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. C. Schluter, foreman, J. G. Barretto, C. A. Lopes, G. Bird, F. A. Barradas, H. White, and H. F. Campbell.

The Crown Solicitor, Mr. P. M. Hodgson, prosecuted, and said that the robbery took place on March 2 at 2 a.m. Prisoner, with others, was alleged to have broken into the house, and threatened the inmates, a man and his concubine, and an amah. The people were not tied up, but violence was used, the men seizing them by the throat and almost choking them. They took jewellery and money to the value of $450 and decamped. The prisoner was arrested the same morning at 7.50 o'clock, as he was about to board a train at the Kowloon Railway Station. When searched he was found to have in his possession, three gold rings, which formed part of the proceeds of the robbery. Prisoner was subsequently identified at the Tsimtsatsui Police Station. Prisoner, as the jury had heard, said he had gone to the house to steal, but not to rob. It was difficult to know what was in his mind but in the charge room he said that he pleaded guilty to stealing but not to violence, and counsel thought that was what he meant.

The occupier of the house said the men entered the house by burning the door off the hinges.

Prisoner was found guilty and sentenced to three years, hard labour and ten strokes of the cat.

Kidnapped a Boy.

A Chinese was brought up on an indictment of kidnapping a boy.

The Crown Solicitor, Mr. P.M. Hodgson, prosecuted and said that the prisoner lived in the same house as the complainant and the little boy. One day he took the lad out for tea, but returned bringing the boy with him. A few days later he took the child out again but this time failed to return. Complaint was made to the police, and about twenty days after he came back without the boy. A Chinese constable went into Chinese territory and having obtained the necessary permission, searched a village in Sunning and found the child.

Prisoner was found guilty and sentenced to three years, hard labour and 10 strokes of the birch.

"Yankee Swanson."

Captain Nelson of the Korea has written a book, which will be published next month in America. The book, which is entitled "Yankee Swanson," has been read by critics who declare it is the best sea-faring yarn written for a very considerable number of years. It depicts various characters well known on this coast.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by our correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph"]

THE TERRITORIALS.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

Dear Sir,—In last night's leader on "The Terrritorials" your leader writer refers to the "fabulous sum" the Government has spent on the training of the Territorial Force. Is 35/- per head per annum a "fabulous sum" with which to provide uniform, equipment and training? Why, most of the men themselves give up much more than that in wages, in order to spend in the service of their country the only holiday they have during the year! So much for the insinuation that the Territorials are "playing at soldiers at the expense of the country." Mud is cheap. Mud-slidging costs less effort than rifle-slinging. When your leader writer *watched* those poor Territorials, did he immediately join the force and so raise the standard? Had he done so, he might have had other felicities—he might have learned something about the Territorials. He might have taken part in manœuvres alongside of Regulars. He might have had the pleasure of a route march of 9 miles, then bivouacked in the rain, and next morning get up at 4 a.m. breakfasting on two biscuits and a mouthful of coffee. That day he might have marched 23 miles in full marching order, being in action most of the way and having for sustenance till his meal at 7 p.m., one slice of bread and a small piece of roast meat. Then, having bivouacked on the wet grass and resumed the manœuvres next morning in torrential rain, he might, when clothed in a shirt and greatcoat, while taking his next meal, have learned what opinion the Regulars had of the Territorials who had accompanied them through the manœuvres. Perhaps the men of the North are made of sterner stuff than those of the South, at anyrate, of the two hundred "Dundee Highlanders", 5th Black Watch, who took part in the 23 miles march mentioned herein, not a single man dropped out. If conscription should come, and for this reason I hope it may, I hope to have the opportunity of adding to the felicities of those who, instead of helping looked on and sneered. I trust you will find space for these remarks of an

EX-TERRITORIAL.

CRADLE TO UNIVERSITY.

Government's National Education Scheme

Mr. J. A. Pease, President of the Board of Education, recently delivered a highly important speech to the National Union of Teachers at Sheffield to whom he disclosed the broad outlines of the Government's education scheme.

The main idea of the scheme is to fill up the gaps in the educational system so as to secure that the best brains of the whole community should get to the top. With this end in view it is intended to take account of the conditions of youth from the cradle up to the universities.

Getting rid of half-time, raising the attendance age, and introducing the continuous system of education are parts of Mr. Pease's plan.

There is no idea of further centralising the administration. On the contrary, considerably wider powers will be given to the present local authorities, with increased grants from the National Exchequer.

Mr. Pease admittedly regards the denominational problem as insoluble, and he expressed the hope that the new Bill, to be introduced this Session, will be regarded as a non-party measure, and passed into law next year.

Raub Output.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby inform us that they have received a cable to the effect that the Raub output for the past month is 892 ounces as compared with 855 ounces for the previous month.

POST OFFICE.

MAILS ARRIVED TO-DAY.

Sandakan, s.s. Borneo.
Manila, s.s. Loongsang.
Bangkok, s.s. Anghin.
Straits, s.s. Kamo Maru.
Holhow, s.s. Johanne.
Pakhoi, s.s. Singan.
U. SA. .. s.s. Shinyo Maru.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left London	Due Shanghai
April 2	April 19
April 3	April 21

MAILS DUE.

English, China, 23rd inst.

The China, with the English Mail, left Singapore on Saturday, the 19th inst., at 8 a.m. and may be expected to arrive here to-morrow, at 2 p.m. This packet brings the Parcel mail closed in London for despatch by the all-sea route on the 19th March and for despatch overland on the 26th March.

MAILS CLOSE.

Saigon—Per Phuyen, 23rd April, 8 a.m.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per Bonmohr, 23rd April, 10 a.m.

Tientsin—Per Chipshing, 23rd April, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Kaijo-maru, 23rd April, 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 23rd April, 1.15 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon and India via Bombay — Per Indomaru, 23rd April, 3 p.m.

Ningpo and Shanghai—Per Hupeh, 23rd April, 5 p.m.

Siberian Mail.

Shanghai, & North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per China, 24th April, 9 a.m.

Japan via Kobe—Per Kamo-maru, 24th April, 10 a.m.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per Azumasen-maru, 24th April, 11 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Loksang, 24th April, 11 a.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per Fooksang, 24th April, 1 p.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 24th April, 1.15 p.m.

Saigon—Per Temiya-maru, 24th April, 2 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Chinhua, 24th 3 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Ichang, 24th April, 3 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiton, 25th April, 10 a.m.

Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang and Sourabaya—Per Tjikini, 26th April, 10 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 25th April, 1.15 p.m.

Japan via Kobe—Per Tjilatjap 25th April, 3 p.m.

Haiphong, Pakhoi and Saigon—Per Singan, 26th April, 8 a.m.

English Mail.

Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Brindisi. (Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon, Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail (Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, the 25th April, at 5 p.m.—Per Dovanha, 26th April, 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 26th April, 1.15 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Zafiro, 26th April, 3 p.m.

Siberian Mail.

Shanghai, North China Japan via Nagasaki, United States, South America and Canada via Vancouver (Europe via Siberia)—Per Empress of Japan 26th April 5 p.m.

Swatow and North China—Per Hangsang, 26th April, 5 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Linan, 26th April, 5 p.m.

Swatow—Per Haimun, 27th April, 9 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Loongsang 27th April, 1 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Namsang, 28th April, 11 a.m.

German Mail.

Philippine Island, Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Naples—Per Luetzow, 29th April, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Baiyang, 29th April, 10 a.m.

Philippine Island—Per Chinhua, 29th April, 3 p.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Indo Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,369, Komiya, 21st April—Kobe 16th April, Gen.—O. S. K.

Kwangtah, Chi. s.s., 1,536, P. Stewart, 21st April—Shanghai 18th April, Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Siam, Br. s.s., 992, Prynne, 21st April—Tientsin 15th April, Ballast.—A. P. Co.

Profit, Nor. s.s., 715, Olsen, 21st April—Bangkok, Rice.—Seeng Kee.

Quarta, Ger. s.s., 1,150, Madsen, 21st April—Saigon 17th April, Gen.—S. & Co.

Johanne, Ger. s.s., 951, Ipland, 22nd April—Pakhoi and Hoihow 21st April, Gen.—J. & Co.

Loongsang, Br. s.s., 1,093, Leask, 22nd April—Manila 19th April, Gen.—J., M. & Co.

Hupeh, Br. s.s., 1,205, Tucker, 22nd April—Canton 21st April, Oil.—B. & S.

Kwanglee, Chi. s.s., 1,452, MacArthur, 22nd April—Canton 21st April, Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Anghin, Ger. s.s., 1,065, Kumpel, 22nd April—Bangkok 13th April, Rice.—B. & S.

Benmohr, Br. s.s., 2,340, Sarchet, 22nd April—London and Singapore 16th April, Gen.—G. L. & Co.

Borneo, Ger. s.s., 1,344, Sembill, 22nd April—Sandakan 17th April, Timber.—M. & Co.

Kamo Maru, Jap. s.s., 5,287, Sommer, 22nd April—London via Singapore, Steel Bars.—N. Y. K.

Singan, Br. s.s., 1,047, Robinson, 22nd April—Haiphong and Hoihow 21st April, Gen.—B. & S.

Azumasan Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,785, Kikuchi, 22nd April—Miike 16th April, Coal.—M. B. K.

Shinyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 7,226, H. S. Smith, 22nd April—San Francisco 22nd Mar., Gen.—P. M. Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

April 21.

Chongva, for K. C. Wan.
David Gillies, for K. C. Wan.
Hanoi, for K. C. Wan.
Yokohama-maru, for Victoria.
Ernest Simons, for Marseilles.

April 22.

Michael Jebsen, for Swatow.
Siam, for Singapore.
Korea, for San Francisco.
Telemachus, for Saigon.
Dakotah, for San Francisco.
Kwangtah, for Canton.
Haiching, for Foochow.
Tean, for Hoilo.
Iyo-maru, for London.
Mathilde, for Swatow.
Tamon-maru, for Saigon.
Benmohr, for Yokohama.
Hsin Chang, for Shanghai.

DEPARTED.

April 22.

Kiev, for Odessa.
Ernest Simons, for Saigon.
Korea, for San Francisco.
Yokohama-maru, for Moji.
Haiching, for Foochow.
Kwangtah, for Canton.
Hyson, for Straits.
Tean, for Philippine Island.
Fooshing, for Yokohama.
Hsin Chang, for Shanghai.
Tingsang for Hongay.
Telemachus, for Saigon.
Sachsen, for Hamburg.
Seangchoon, for Rangoon.
Seattle-maru, for Victoria.
Peking, for Yokohama.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Kwangtah, arrived 21st inst., from Shanghai:—

Logan, C. Williams, Mrs.
Teshendorf, C. L.
Ufford, Mr. and Mrs. A. S.

Per s.s. Iyo Maru, arrived 21st inst., from Shanghai:—

Ah Koo Kenyen, Mrs. F.
Foster, J. Kameyama, M.
Gray, W. Murakami, J.
Hill, C. Peacock, Mr. & Mrs. E.
Huch, J. Ricket, Mr and Mrs. G.
Hayami, T. Roo, R. K.
Han, Mr. & Mrs. T. S. Speicher, J.
Han, L. K. Urich, C.
Junior, J. Wray, Mr. and Mrs. J.
Kawamura, Lt. S.

Per Kamo Maru, arrived 22nd inst., from London, &c.:—

Ayock, Miss Billebracht, Dr.
Baly, B. B. Jander, O. O.
Dowding, Mr. & Mrs. Paul, D. R.
Sharpe, Mrs. S.
Holyoak, Mrs. P. H. Slow Kon-chin, Mr. and Mrs.
Holyoak, Miss M. Sammon, Major
Holyoak, Miss D. C. J.
Tay Jun-tin
Hibert, Miss Wallson, R.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 22nd at 11.10.—The depression over the Yangtze Valley has deepened considerably and moved slightly to the north-east.

The depression over Indo-China is nearly stationary.

Pressure has increased considerably over N.E. Japan, where it is now highest.

Fresh to moderate S. winds are indicated along the east coast of China, and variable winds over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood	S.W. to S.E. winds, moderate; cloudy, squally.
2 Formosa Channel	S.W. winds, strong.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamocks	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan.	S.E. winds, moderate.

China Coast Meteorological Register.
22nd April, a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature	Humidity.	Wind. D'tion.	Wind. Force.	Weather.
W'ostock	7a	30.07	42	30	se	1	c
Nemuro	6a	30.20	—	—	wnw	1	—
Hakodate	„	30.26	—	—	nnw	1	—
Tokio	„	30.24	—	—	n	1	—
Kochi	„	30.03	—	—	sw	1	—
Nagasaki	„	29.91	—	—	se	4	—
K'shima	„	29.98	—	—	—	0	—
Oshima	„	29.96	—	—	ssw	1	—
Naha	„	29.97	—	—	sse	1	—
Ishi'jima	„	29.91	—	—	s	4	—
Bonin Is.	„	30.12	—	—	—	0	—
Chefoo	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
W'haiwei	„	29.67	47	93	ese	4	or
Hankow	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ichang	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kiukiang	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
Changsha	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	„	29.57	63	—	sse	1	o
Gutzlaff	„	29.61	61	100	s	7	cm
Sharp P.	7a	29.75	70	—	s	1	c
Amoy	6a	29.85	72	95	s	2	o
Swatow	„a	—	—	—	—	—	—
Taihoku	5a	29.84	—	—	s	2	—
Taichu	„	29.86	—	—	—	0	—
Tainan	„	29.88	—	—	s	4	—
Koshun	„	29.90	—	—	se	4	—
P'dores	„	29.85	—	—	s	6	—
Canton	9	29.85	78	86	se	1	o
H'kong	6a	29.87	77	87	sw	3	oq
Gap Rock	„	29.85	—	—	ssw	4	c
Macao	„	29.82	76	—	s	3	c
Wuchow	9a	29.79	74	90	ne	1	oc
Pakhoi	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hoihow	„	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phulien	6a	29.76	73	—	ese	3	c
Tourane	„	29.75	81	—	sw	2	f
C. St. J.	„	29.88	77	—	e	2	c
Aparri	„	29.91	75	—	s	1	b
Manila	„	29.92	75	—	ne	1	c
Legaspi	„	29.92	79	—	ne	1	c
Iloilo	9a	29.91	83	—	ne	1	b
Bacolod	„	—	—	—	nw	1	b
Cebu	„	29.93	84	—	e	1	c
Labuan	„	—	—	—	—	—	—

T. F. Claxton, Director.
Hongkong, Observatory, Apr. 22.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation, the Humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

6 State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t, thunder, v visibility, w dew wet).

0 Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths.

METEOROLOGICAL.

	Previous Day at 8 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.93	29.89	29.87
Temperature	70	69	76
Humidity	85	92	86
Wind Direction	SE	E	E
Force	3	3	1
Weather	o	o	o
Rain		—	—

Highest open air Temperature on the 20th 73
Lowest „ „ „ 67

H.K. Observatory, 21st April, 1913.
T. F. Claxton, Director.

TIDE TABLE.

21st April, to 27th April, 1913.

Day of Week	Date	Time	Height in Feet	Time	Height in Feet	Time	Height in Feet	Time	Height in Feet
		High Water Hongkong Mean Time.				Low Water Hongkong Mean Time.			
Mon.	21	m 9	14	5.7	m	3 22	2.3		
		10	37	a 5.8		9 51	a 2.0		
Tues.	22	m 9	41	7.0	m	3 46	2.2		
		11	31	a 5.0		4 34	a 0.8		
Wed.	23	m 10	9	7.2	m	4 8	3.1		
						5 18	a 0.9		
Thurs	24	m 0	30	6.6	m	4 30	3.6		
		10	37	a 7.2		6 20	a 1.1		
Fri.	25	m 1	48	6.2	m	4 49	3.7		
		11	6	a 7.1		7 15	a 1.4		
Satur.	26	No Inferior High nor				Low Water			
		m 11	25	a 6.8		8 12	a 1.7		
Sun.	27	No Inferior High nor				Low Water			
		0	22	a 6.1		9 35	a 1.8		

m morning a afternoon.

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